



Zeniko Sumiya

Thank you very much for
picking this up. I've
always wanted to write
a story where the adults
who know impure things
have a platonic romance.
I would be happy if you
enjoy reading this!

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Kiminosei



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PLEASURE
AND SELF-
ENJOYMENT
ARE MY TOP
PRIORITY.

IN MY
LIFE,

I CAN'T
STOP
PLAYING
INSTRU-
MENTS
BECAUSE
IT FEELS
GOOD.

NO
MATTER
HOW
DIFFICULT
IT IS TO
BREATHE.



EVEN
THAT
GUY I'M
BAD AT
DEALING
WITH...

AND
BECAUSE
IT FEELS
GOOD...







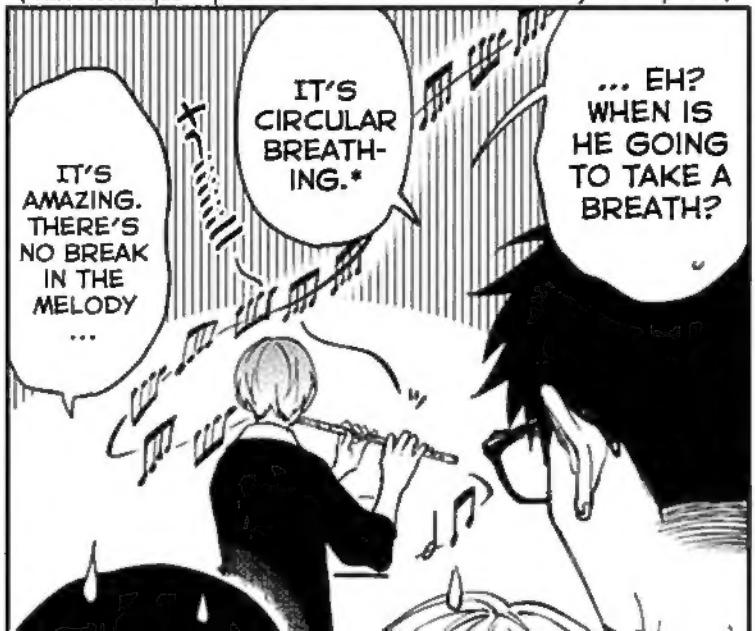




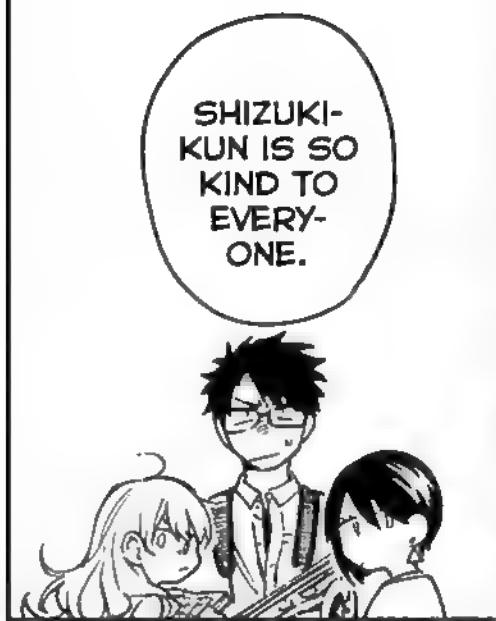
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(*TN: A technique to produce a continuous tone without any interruptions.)











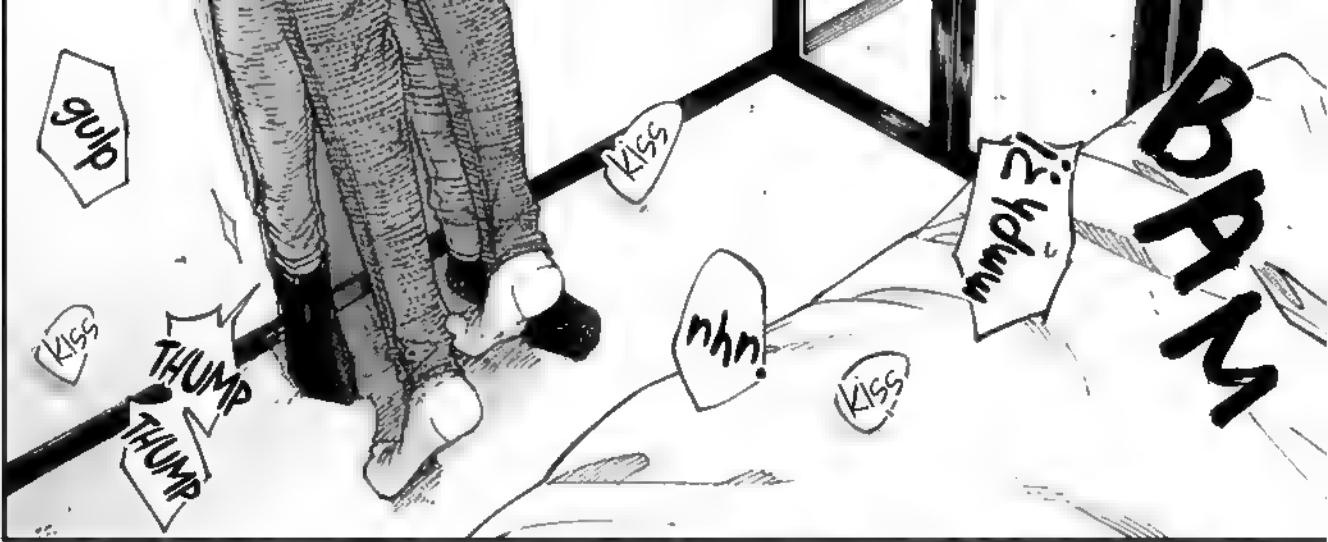




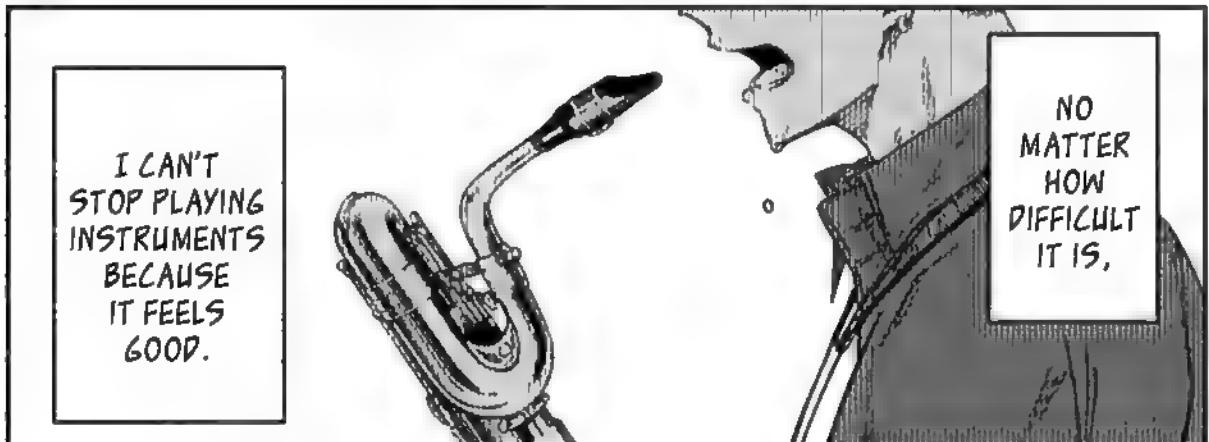
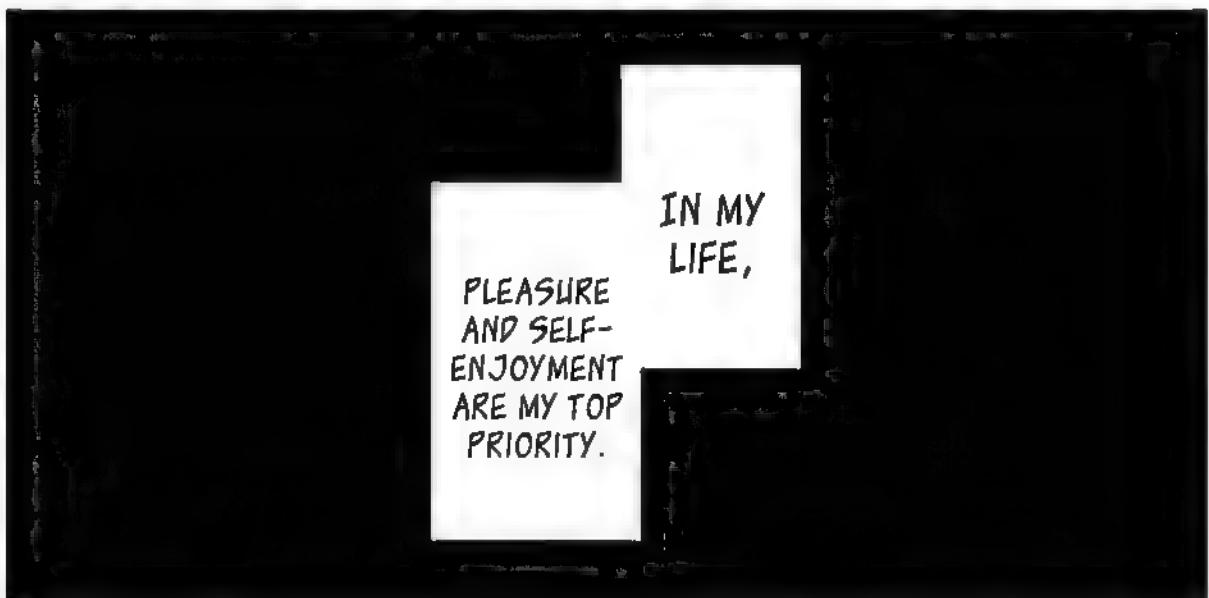














I CAN
EVEN BE-
COME SEX
FRIENDS
WITH THAT
GUY.

AND
BECAUSE
IT FEELS
GOOD...



SHIT...

BUT



I'M
BAD AT
DEALING
WITH THAT
GUY...

AFTER
ALL...

Profile



Yano Yukiji (25)

178cm, 68kg

Birthday: February 16th

Favorite Food: Whitebait*

Disliked Food: Carrots

Occupation: Bookstore
clerk

(*TN: type of small fried fish)

Shizuki Jun (25)

182cm, 73kg

Birthday: October 25th

Favorite Food: Seafood pasta

Disliked Food: Coriander

Occupation: Bartender

↑
peers
↓



YANO HAS
BIGGER HANDS.

IT'S NOT THAT SHIZUKI HAS
• SMALL HANDS, BUT YANO HAS
LONG FINGERS

4 YEARS
AGO ON THE
DAY OF A
COMPETI-
TION.

I BECAME
SEX FRIENDS
WITH YANO
YUKIJI

ARE YOU
ALRIGHT
...?

EX-
CUSE
ME...

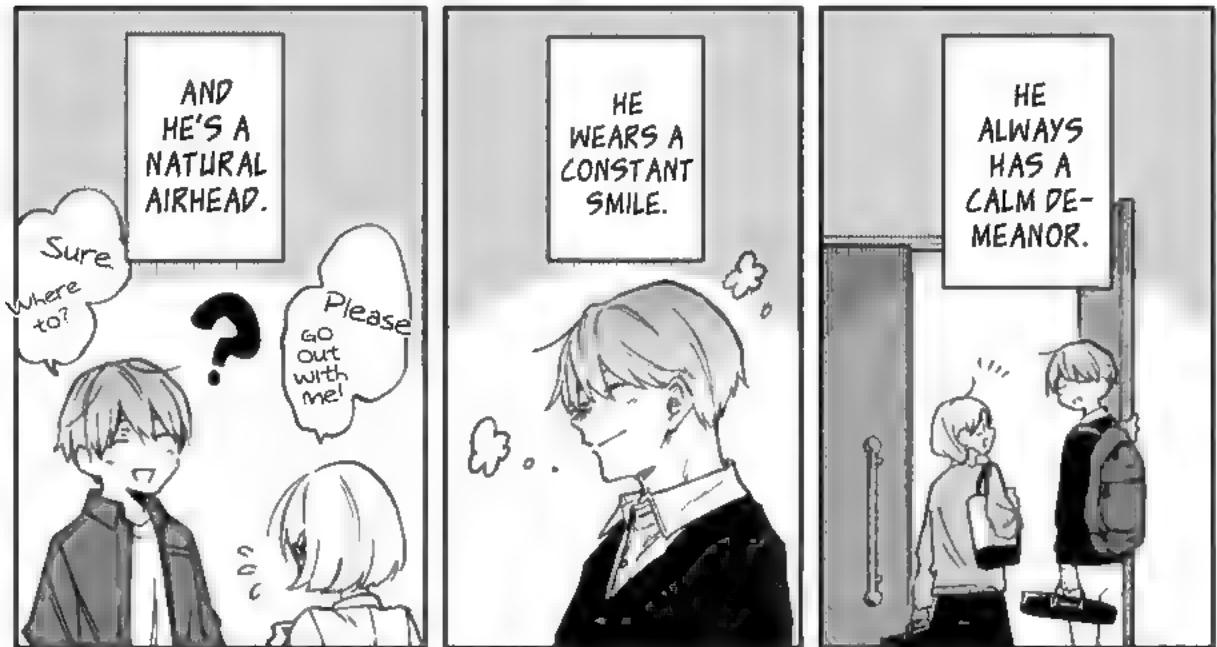
I WENT TO
THE TOILET
TO COOL MY
HEAD AND...

UNABLE TO
SUPPRESS
MY EX-
CITEMENT
AFTER THE
PERFOR-
MANCE,

UP.*

I WAS
SEEN
BY THAT
GUY.

IT'S...
STAND-
ING...



IT'S STANDING UP??

PFFT

AND NOW, MY FIRST PROPER CONVERSATION WITH HIM IS THIS...

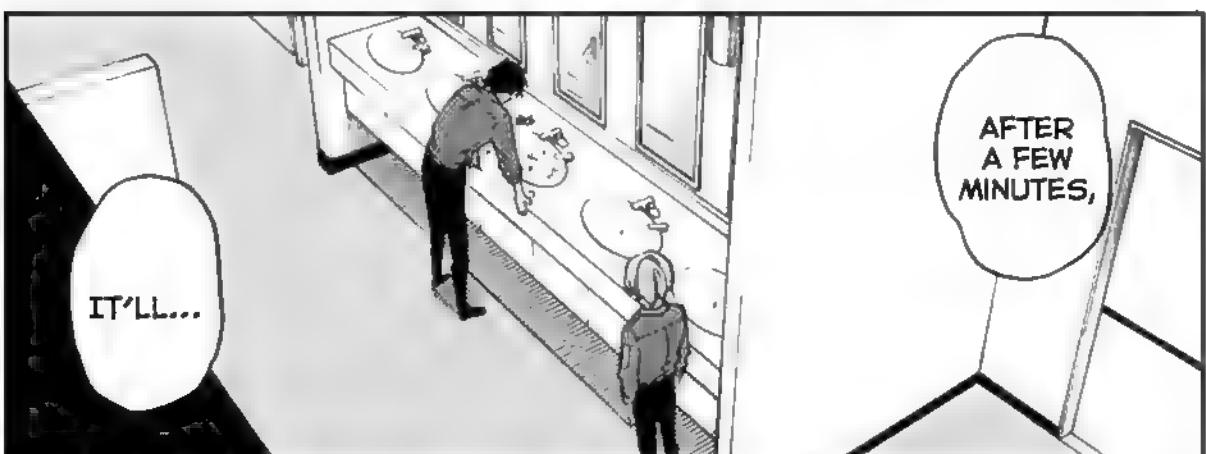
THAT'S WHY, EVEN THOUGH WE JOINED AT THE SAME TIME, I AVOIDED INTERACTING WITH HIM.

THIS IS THE WORST.

Ha!

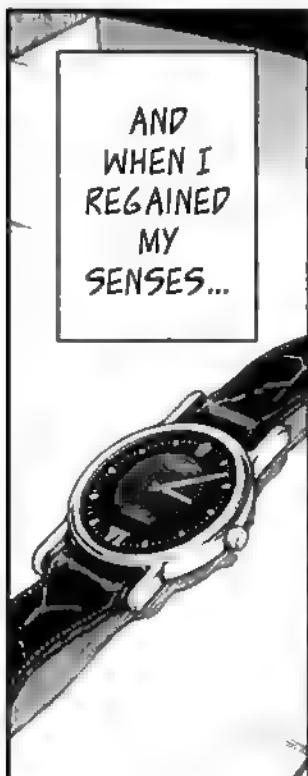
IT'S MY THING, I KNOW. JUST LEAVE ME ALONE, IDIOT.

THIS GUY TOTALLY LACKS DELICACY.





DO
YOU...
WANT TO
HEAD OUT
FOR A
BIT?



AFTER THAT, WE RETURNED TO THE VENUE TO HEAR THE RESULTS.

LET'S PRETEND THIS NEVER HAPPENED.

... I ENDED IT WITH THE WORST LINE.



WITH THE JOY AND EXCITEMENT FROM PARTICIPATING IN THE BRANCH TOURNAMENT,

MY SECRET WITH YANO WAS BURIED AND NEVER BROUGHT UP AGAIN.

... WHICH I WISHED WAS THE CASE, BUT...





SINCE WE'RE BOTH GUYS, THE PROBABILITY OF IT PROGRESSING INTO LOVE IS ALSO LOW.

HE'S THE SAME TYPE OF PERVERT AS ME.

... HE ALSO GETS AROUSED AFTER A PERFORMANCE.

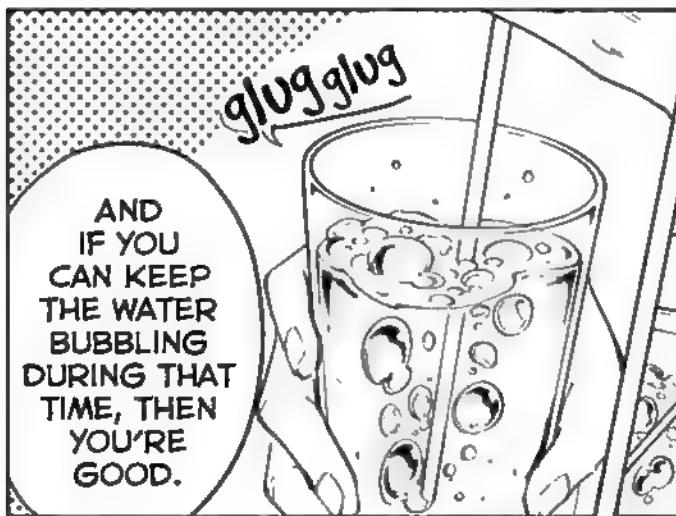
SO, I NEGOTIATED WITH HIM.

HE AND I COULD BECOME PARTNERS AND DO THE PHYSICAL ACT THAT WE BOTH ENJOY...

WITH THESE TWO PROMISES, WE BECAME SEX FRIENDS.

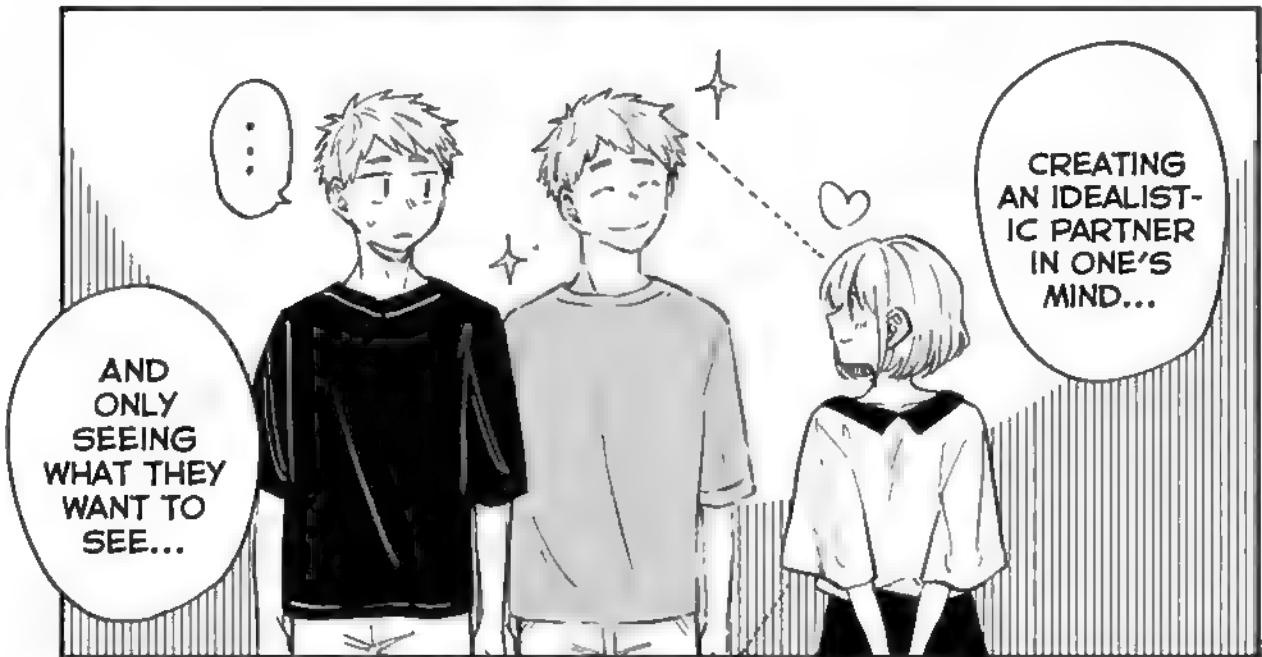
AND WE WON'T INTERACT MORE THAN NECESSARY.

WE WON'T MEET IN OUR PRIVATE LIVES.









IT
INSTANTLY
FELT TOO
TROUBLE-
SOME.

SO
AROUND
THE TIME I
BROKE UP
WITH MY 5TH
LOVER...

IF I
SAY I LIKE
THINGS
THAT MAKE

IT'LL ME FEEL
ONLY LEAVE GOOD,
A BAD IM-
PRESSION
IN MATTERS
INVOLVING
LOVE.

FROM
THEN ON,
I ONLY
HAD SEX
FRIENDS.

THEIR
BEAUTY
LOOKS
APPEALING
TO THE
EYES,
BUT...

IT'S THE
SAME AS
FLOWERS
...

I LIKE
GIRLS,
BUT...



PLEASURE
WILL ALWAYS
BE MY TOP
PRIORITY.



MAKE
THEM DENY
ME THE
THINGS I
LIKE,

IF
PEOPLE'S
ODD EXPEC-
TATIONS AND
IDEALS,



THEN,
I'D RATHER
JUST STAY
AS SEX
FRIENDS
WITH
YOU.





KISS









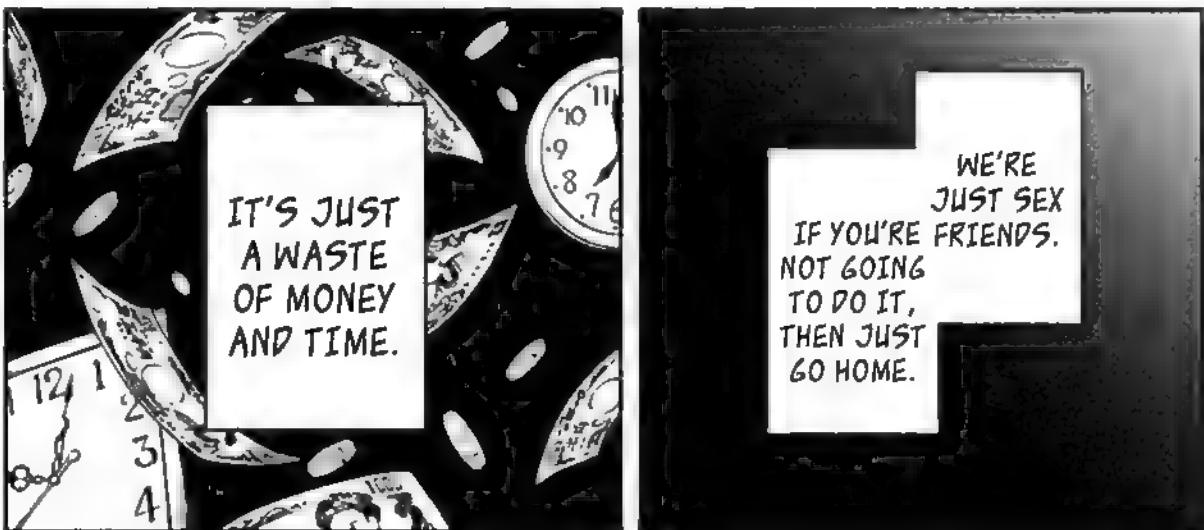
HURRY
UP AND
HOLD
ME.



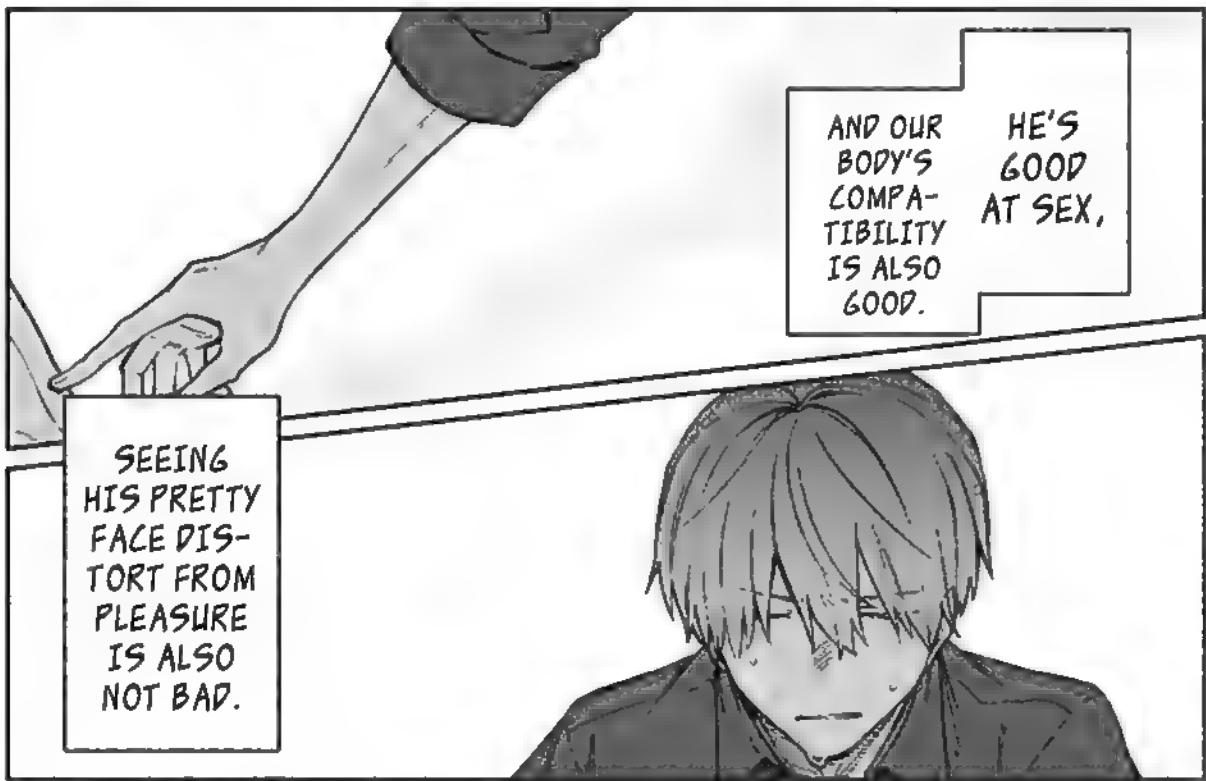














(*TN: FROM THE HOTEL STAFF)







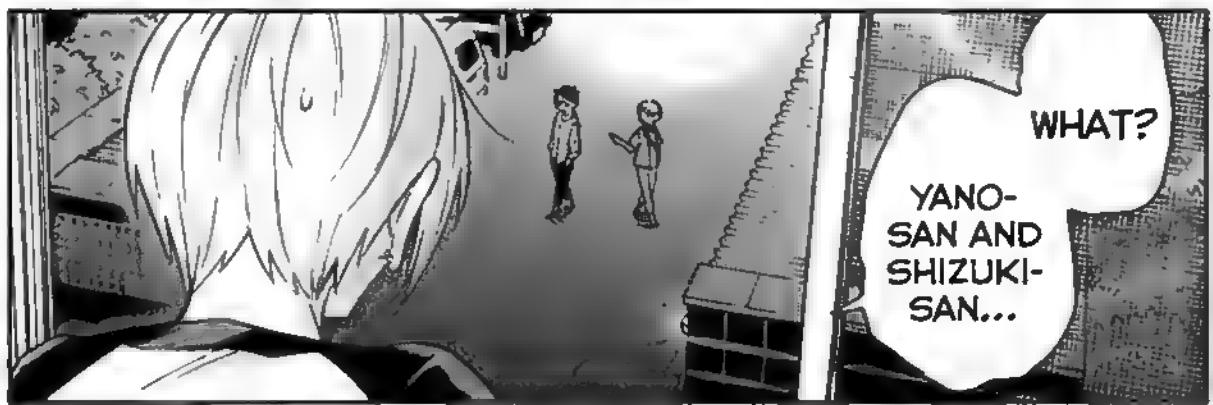






IF ONLY
YOU'D SAY
THAT YOU
LIKE IT.











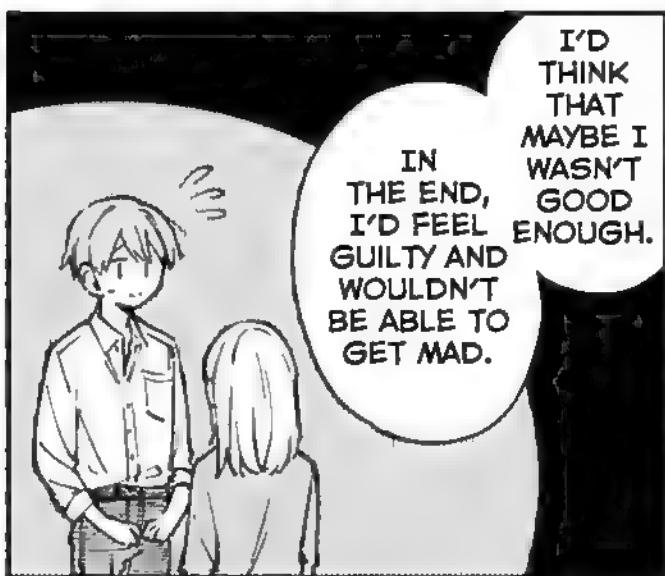








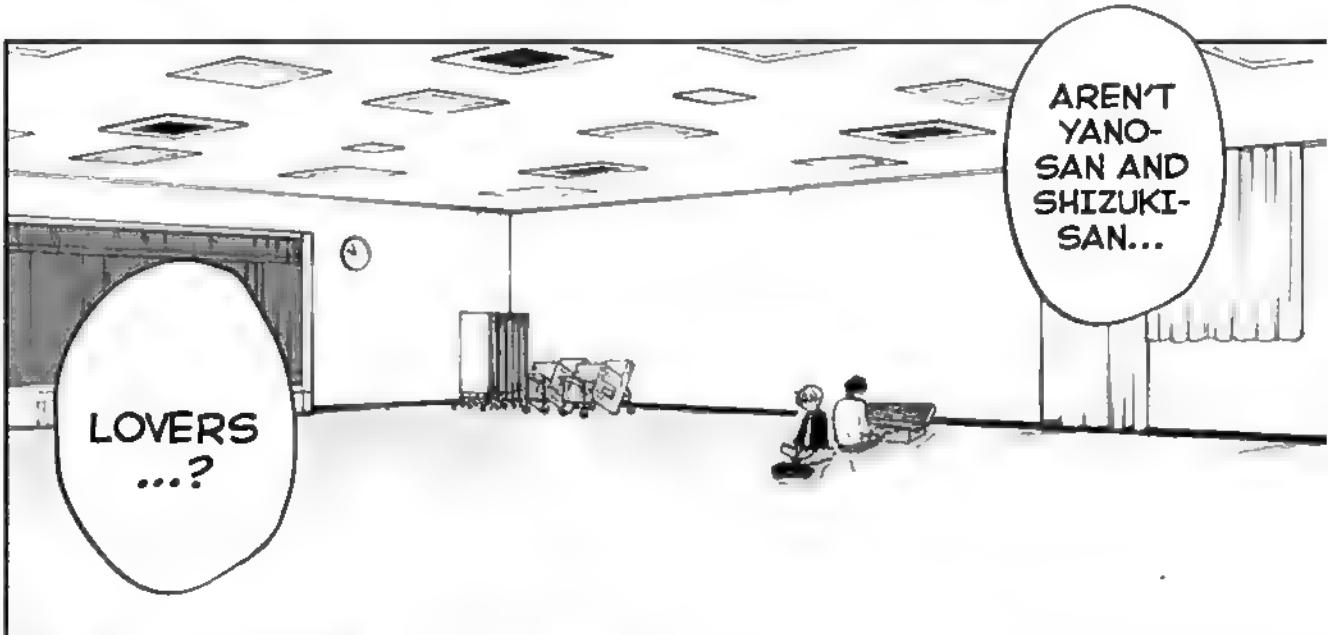




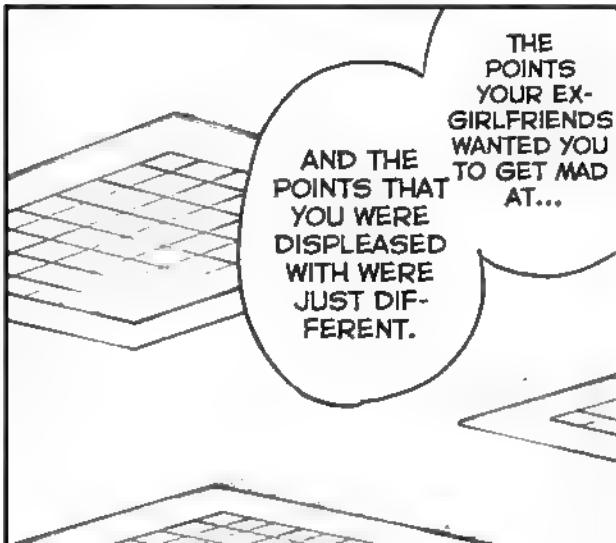










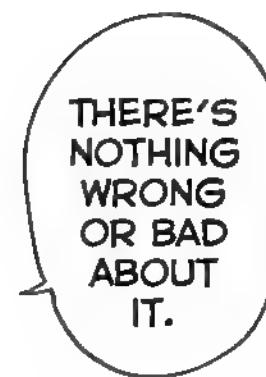


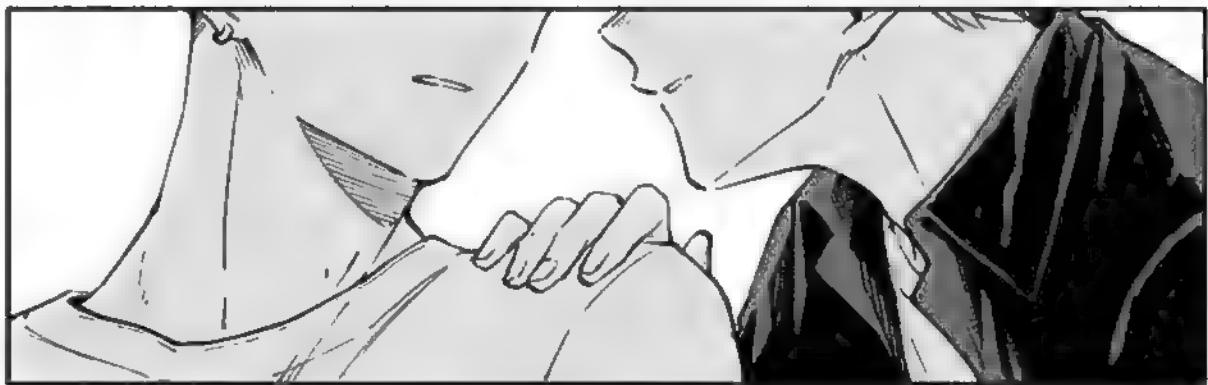
THE
POINTS
YOUR EX-
GIRLFRIENDS
WANTED YOU
TO GET MAD
AT...

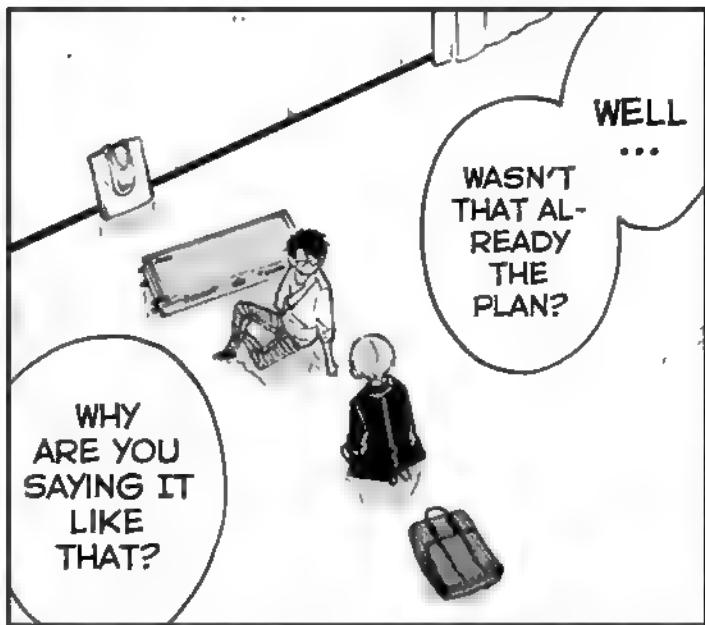
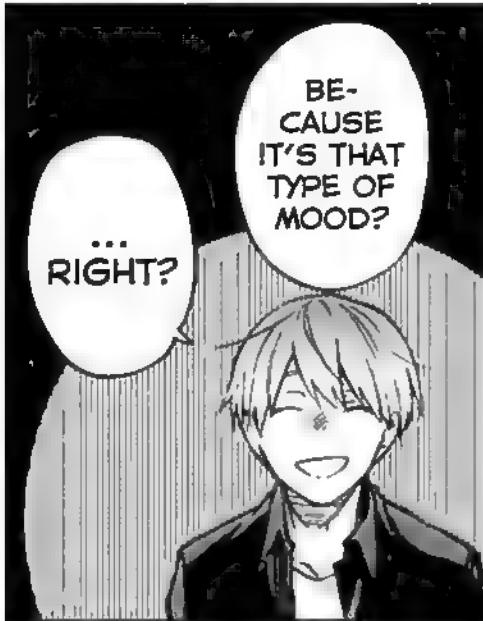




THERE'S
NOTHING
WRONG
OR BAD
ABOUT
IT.





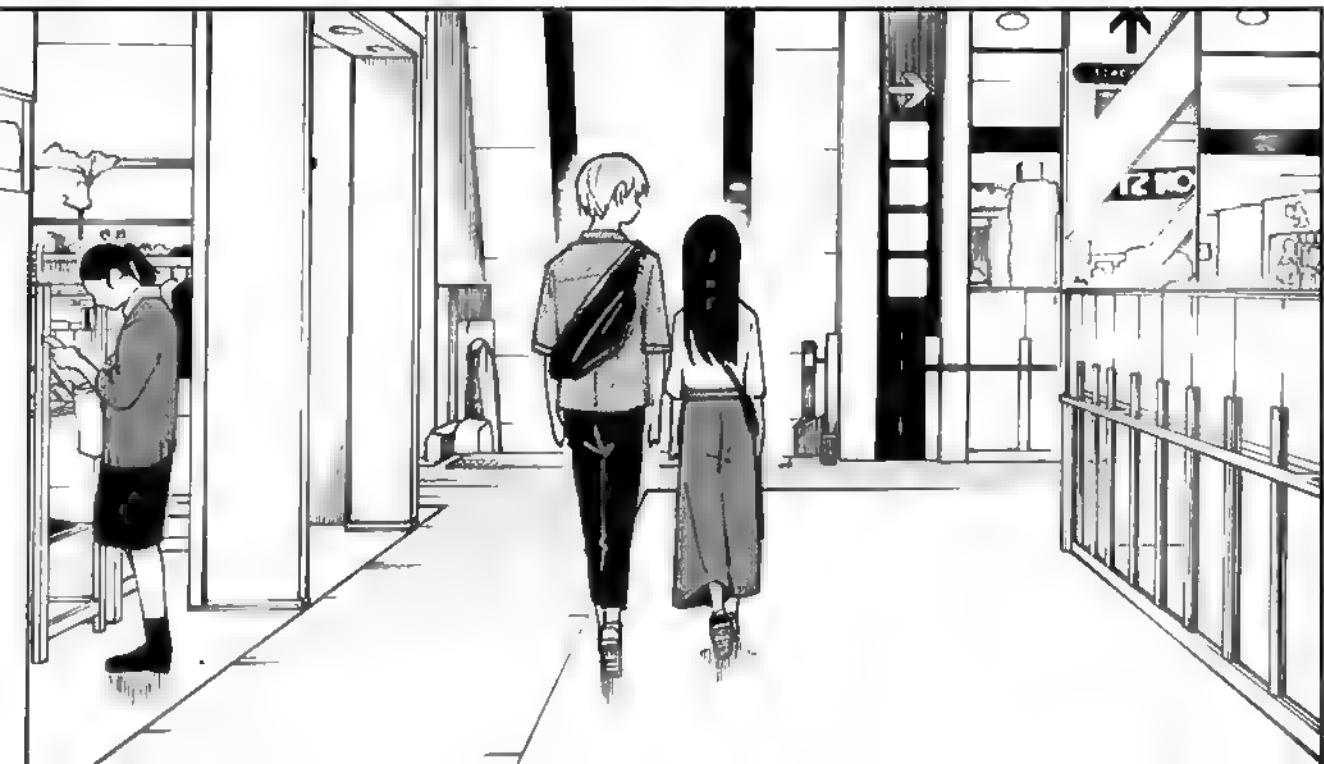
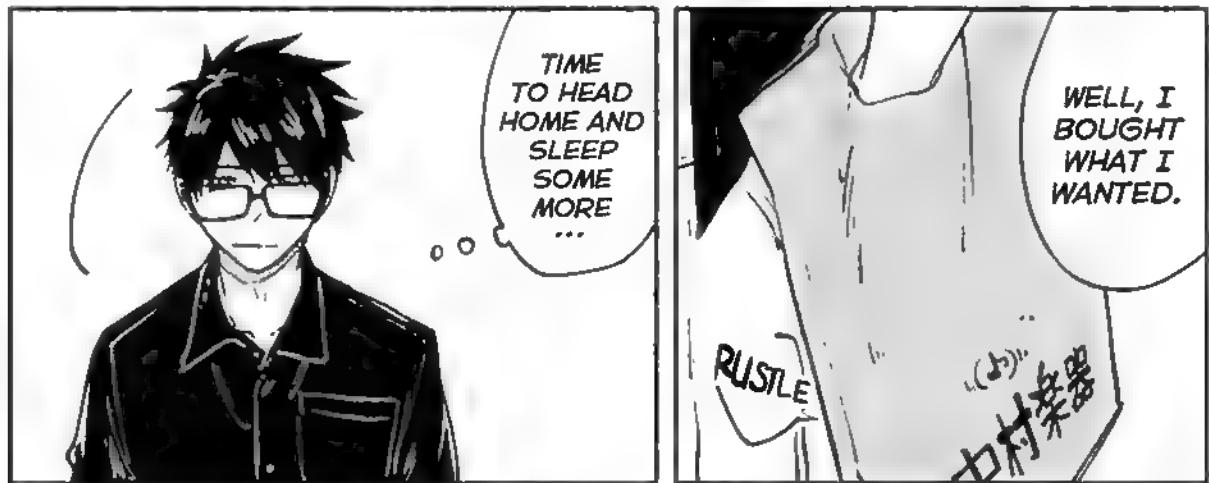




BECAUSE
I HAVE
SHIZUKI-
KUN RIGHT
NOW.



...IS
THAT
SO.















A
SIMILAR
EXPERI-
ENCE...





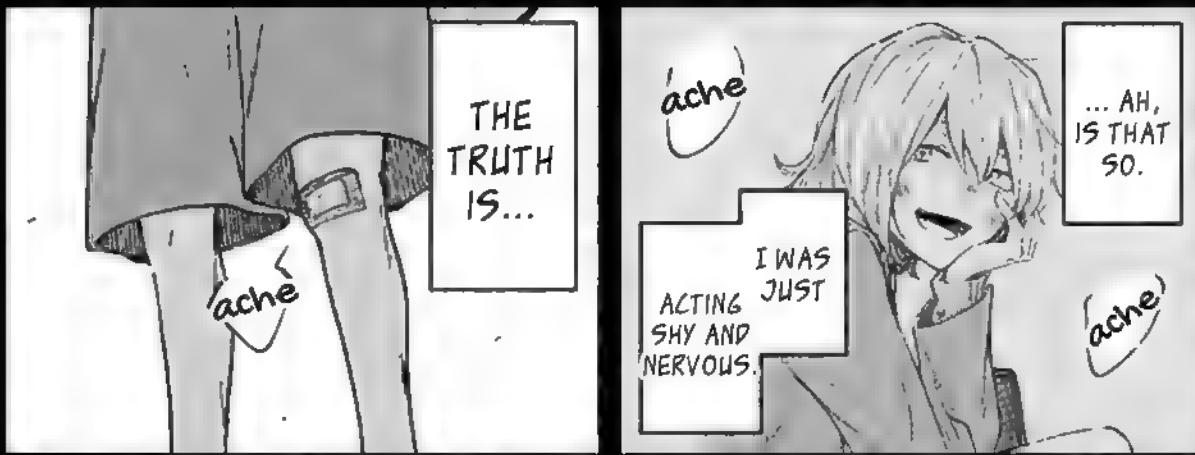












I WASN'T
"BAD AT DEALING
WITH HER", IT
WAS ACTUALLY
"LIKE" INSTEAD.





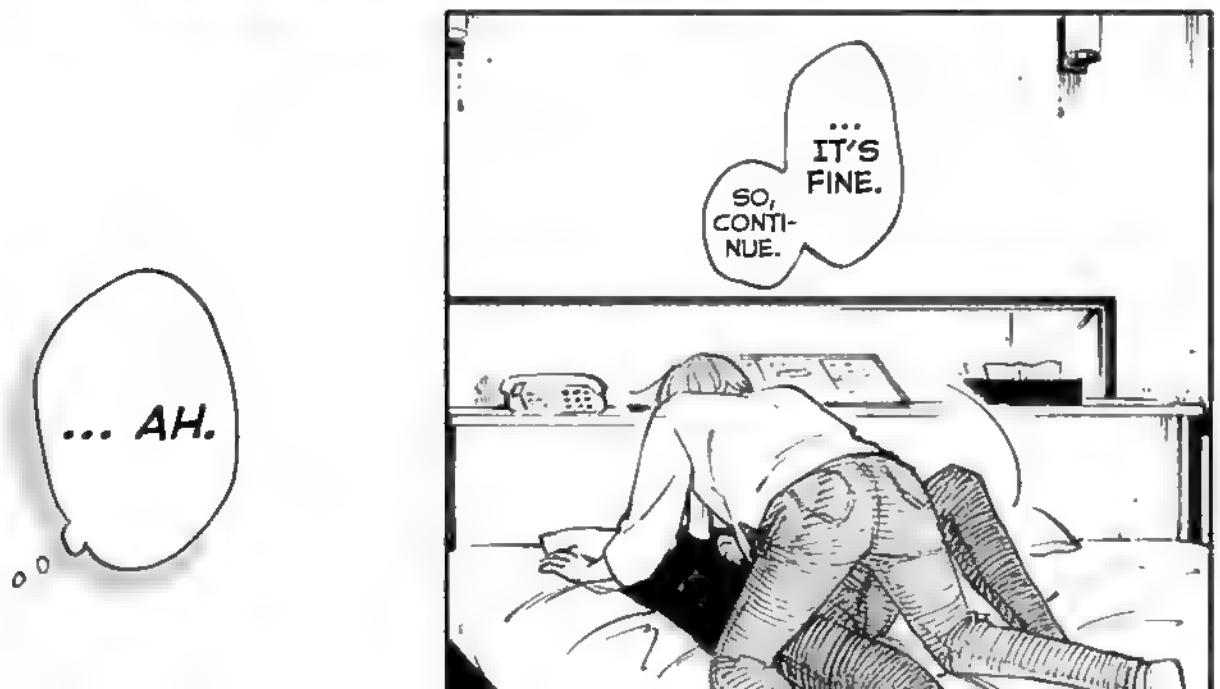


(TN Sh.zuki realizes he could've fallen for Yano at any point.)





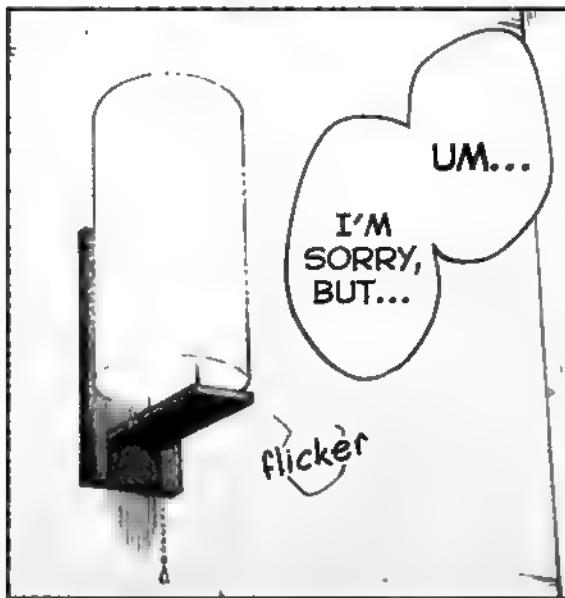




I CAN'T
DO THIS
ANYMORE.







BEING
SEX
FRIENDS.

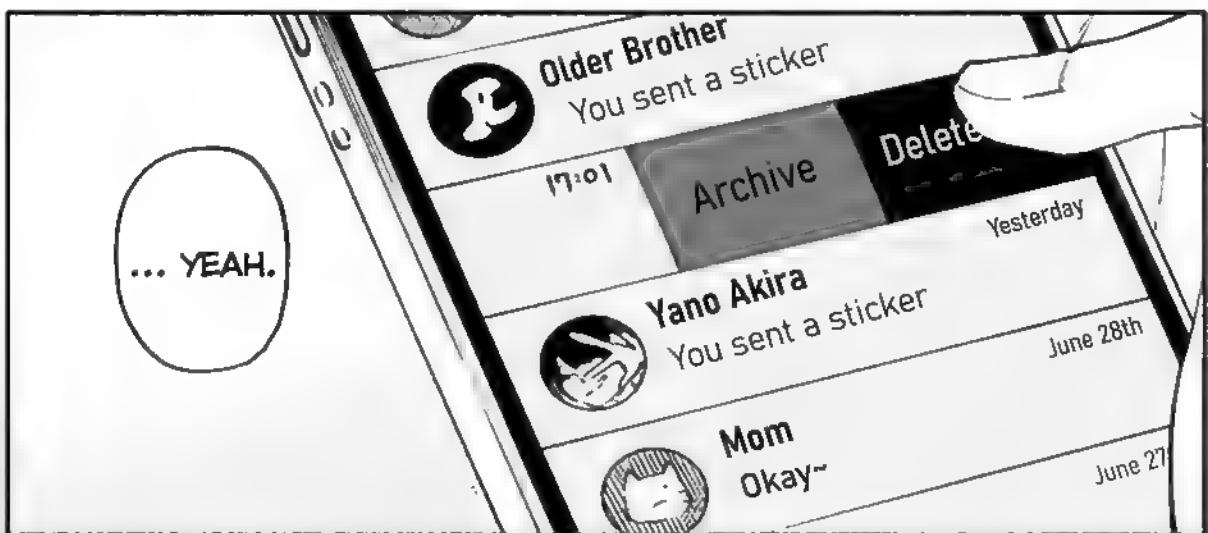
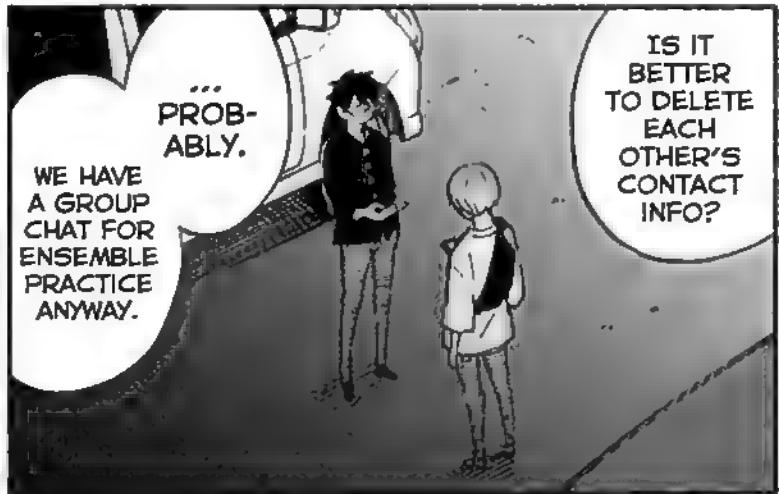
LET'S
STOP-



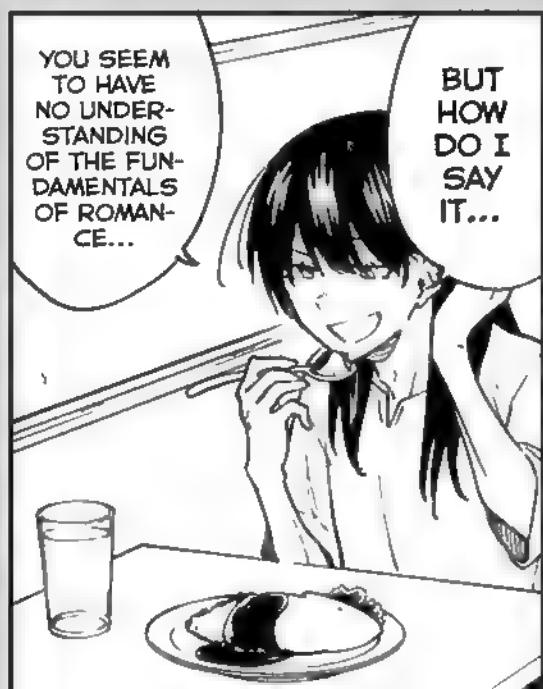


AND
SEND
OXYGEN
TO YOUR
BRAIN.

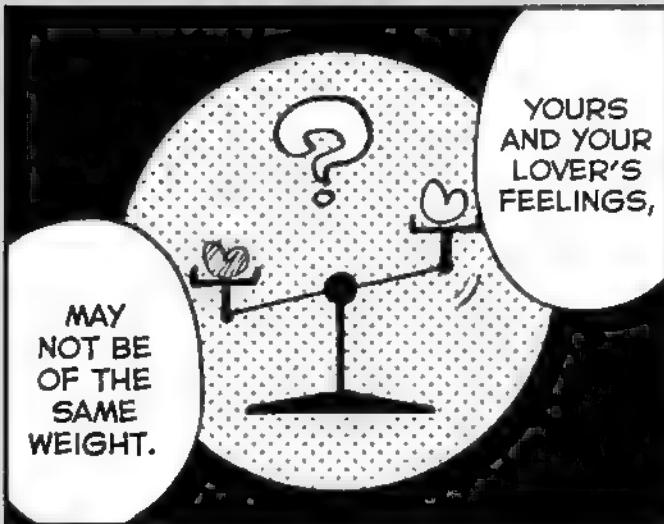
WHEN
YOU'RE
PANICKING,
TAKE DEEP
BREATHS

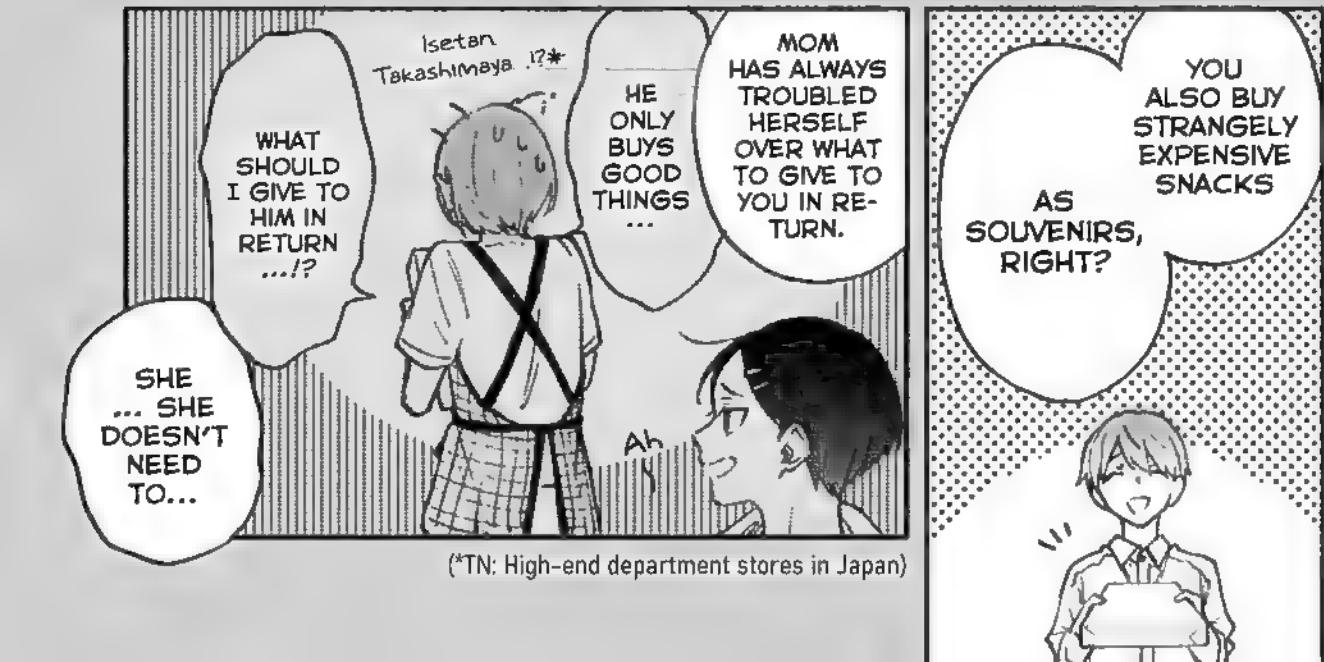


UNCLE
YUKIJI~









(*TN: High-end department stores in Japan)

AND WANTS
NOTHING IN
RETURN.

YOU'RE THE
TYPE THAT
WANTS TO
GIVE TOO
MUCH,

WE WENT
OFF-TOPIC,
BUT...

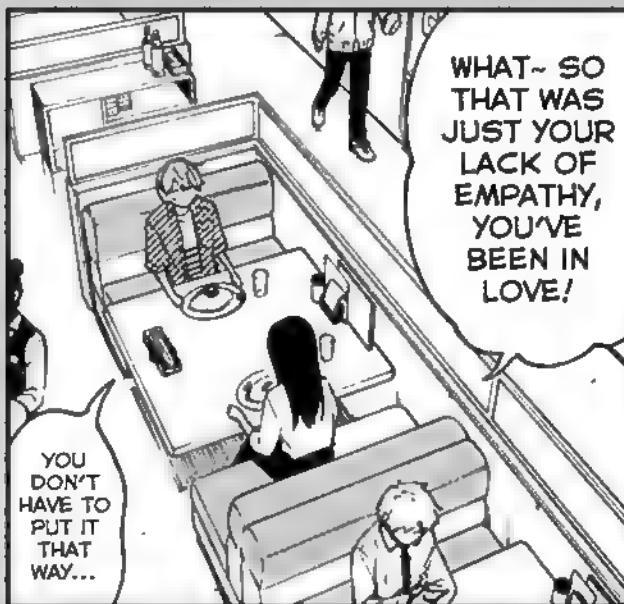
stare...

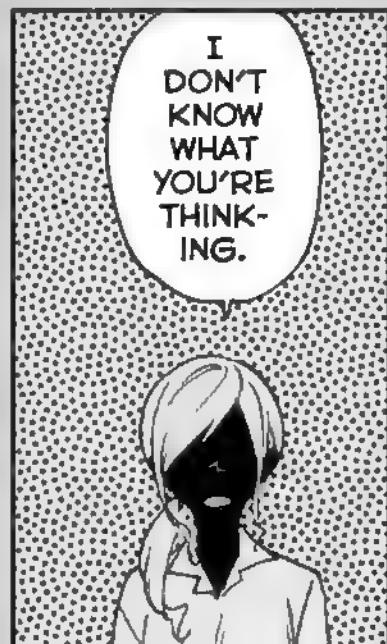
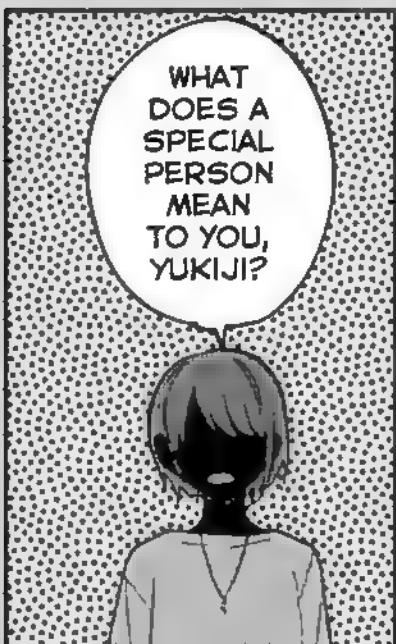
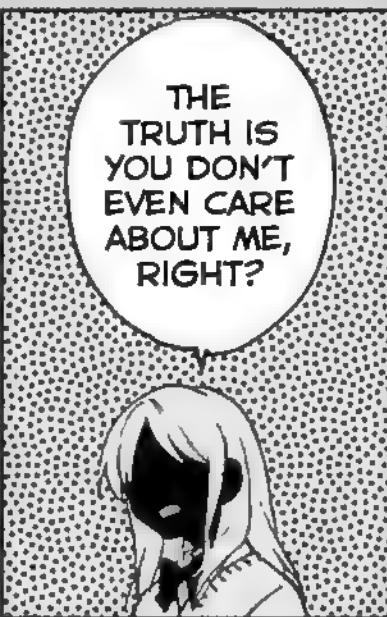
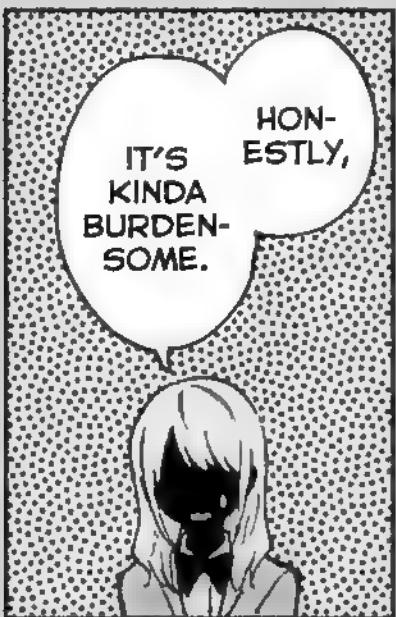
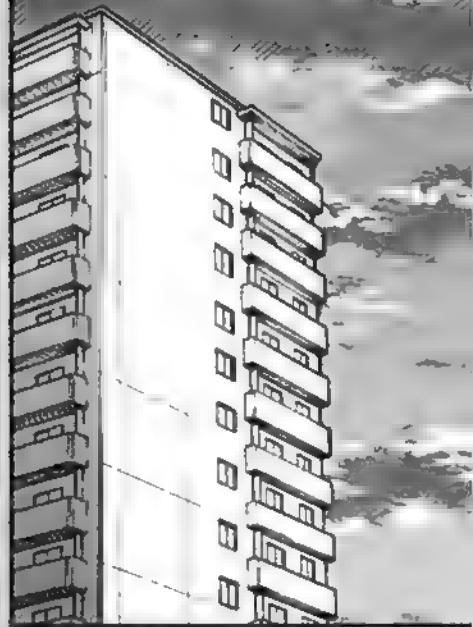
TO
THOSE
WHO
CRAVE
ROMA-
CE,

ACTING
LIKE THAT
WILL ONLY
MAKE THEM
FEEL UNEASY
AND LONE-
LY...

LIKE
WANTING
THEM TO
SAY THEY
LIKE YOU?

chew
chew
HAVE
YOU
NEVER
FELT
THAT
WAY?







BEING
KIND IS NOT
ENOUGH TO
BE CALLED
LOVE.

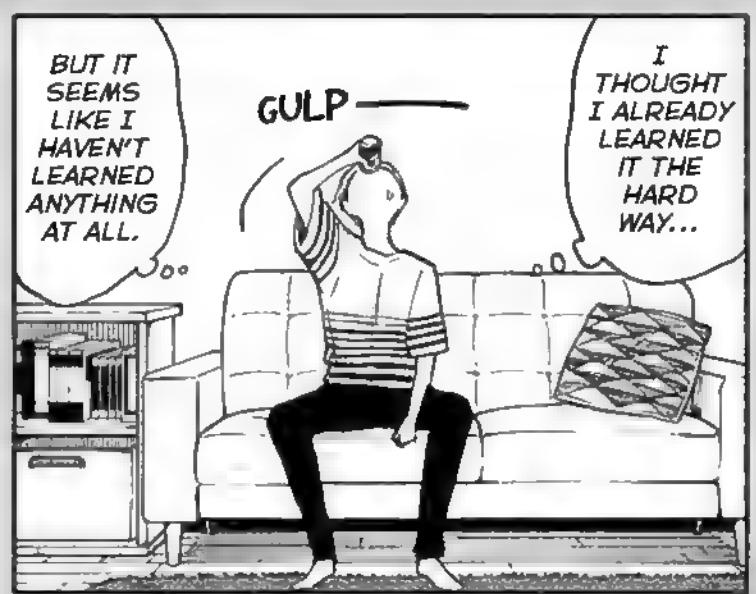


WHY DID
IT BECOME
LIKE THIS?

BUT IT
SEEMS
LIKE I
HAVEN'T
LEARNED
ANYTHING
AT ALL.

GULP —

I
THOUGHT
I ALREADY
LEARNED
IT THE
HARD
WAY...

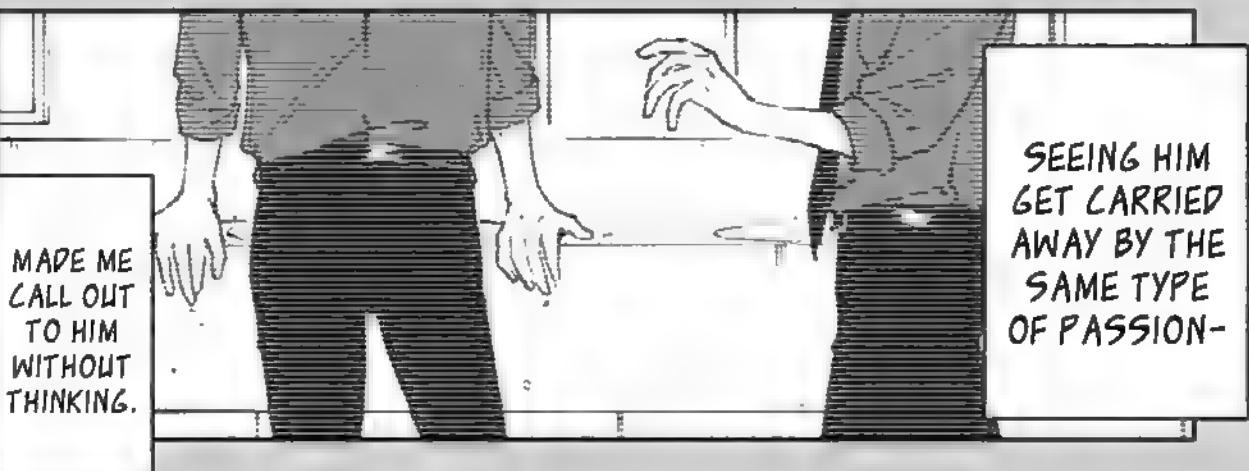




AT
FIRST,
IT WAS
JUST
PURELY
OUT OF
CURIOSITY.



EVEN
THOUGH WE'VE
NEVER TALKED
PROPERLY
BEFORE,







AND HIS
STRAIGHT-
FORWARD
WAY OF
THINKING...

THE 'HIM'
WHO'S
FAITHFUL
AND LOYAL
WITH WHAT
HE WANTS

HE'S
THE
WORST,
BUT...

UNPRIN-
CIPLED AND
UNHEALTHY.

I
DON'T
DISLIKE
BEING WITH
SOMEONE.

I'LL TRY
PLAYING
AROUND
WITH HIM
FOR A
WHILE.

What's
with this
sticker...

I'LL BE IN
YOUR CARE

I
THOUGHT
IT WAS
NICE AND
SIMPLE.



I'LL
EVENTUALLY
END IT
AT SOME
POINT.

Okay.

Don't
contact me
unless it's
important.

PLAY
AROUND
FOR A BIT,
AND WHEN
I'M SATIS-
FIED...

X SLEEPING
O PASSED OUT

Hehe

SHIZUKI-
KUN'S
SLEEPING
FACE IS SO
CUTE.

EVENT-
UALLY...

...
DON'T
TALK TO
ME.

SHIZUKI-
KUN REALLY
DOES LIKE
THE BARI-
TONE
SAX~

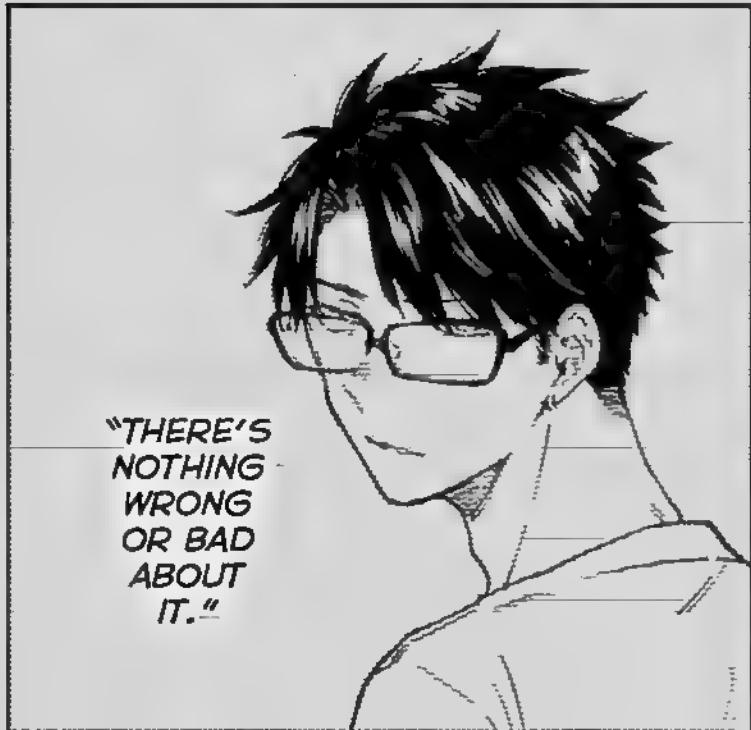
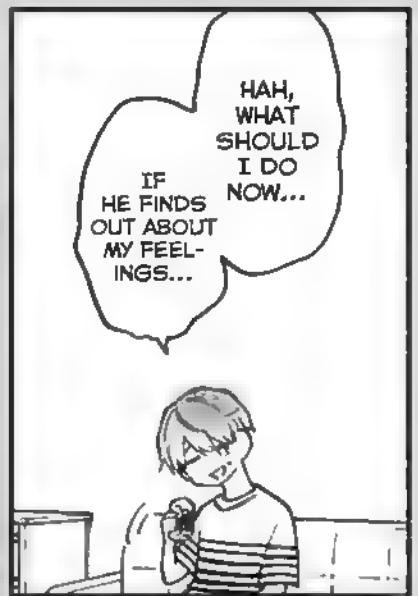
EVENT-
UALLY...

nn.

WHEN
WILL THIS
'EVENTUALLY'
COME~!?

AH

BUT
BEFORE I
KNEW IT, I
WAS ALREADY
IN TOO DEEP.









IS THIS MY
PUNISHMENT
FOR NOT
BEING ABLE
TO UNDER-
STAND MY
GIRLFRIENDS'
FEELINGS?



THERE
WON'T BE
A 'LATER'
ANYMORE,
SHIZUKI-
KUN.

YOU'VE
NEVER
ONCE
SAID
THAT
TO ME
BEFORE.

YOU
SAID
SEE YOU
LATER,
BUT...



WHAT
DID I DO
WRONG?

splat



His heart was extremely shaken.







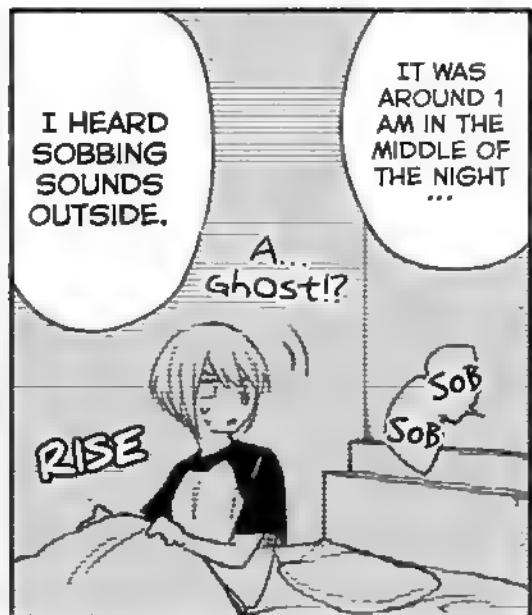




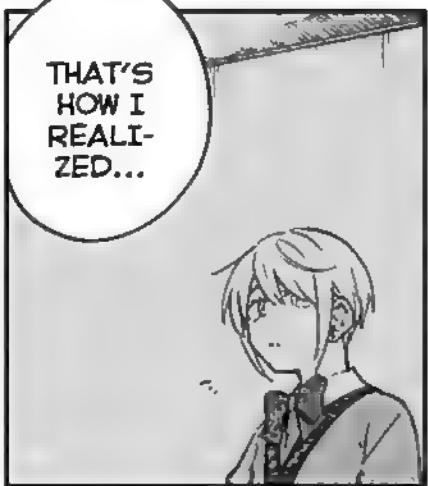














THEN
PLEASE
ASK HIM
ABOUT
THAT
TOO!!

SNAP

**WHAT
!?**

HE WAS
WALKING
WHILE LINKING
ARMS WITH
A GIRL...

NO,
BUT I
SAW THAT
GUY THE
OTHER DAY
AND...

RE-
MEM-
BERS

(TN Compensated dating when a girl in her teens or early 20s provides companionship to an older man in exchange for money.)

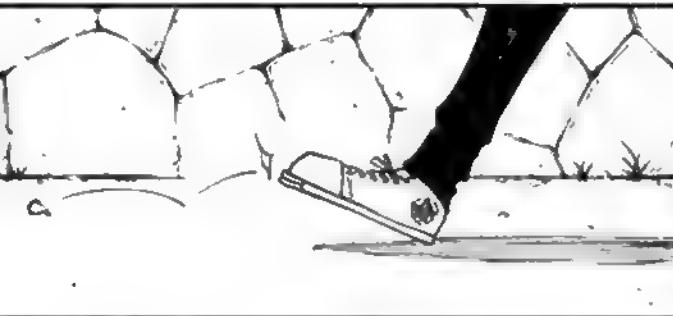


I'LL
TAKE
YOU
HOME.



...
Yes.
SO
PLEASE DO
SOMETHING
ABOUT IT
SOON!!

THE COM-
PETITION
IS ALSO
APPRO-
ACHING,

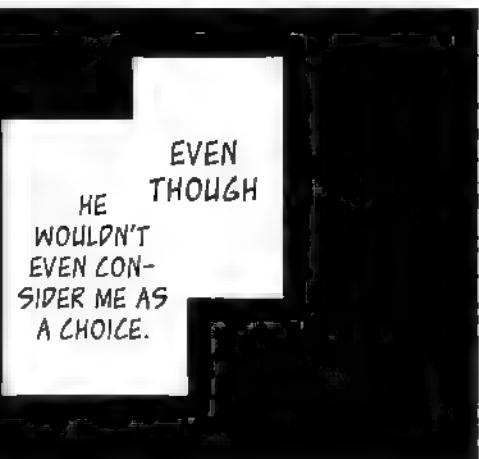


GOOD
NEWS
FOR
WHO
...?

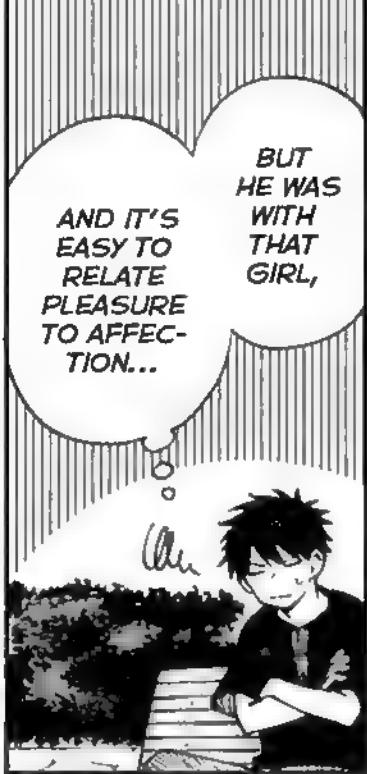
I'll be
waiting
for the
good
news!!

Thanks
for the
juice!!

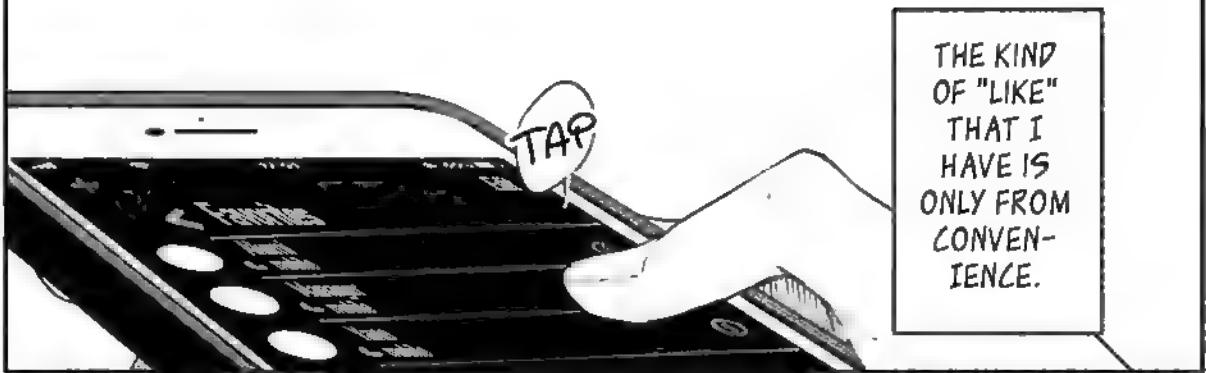






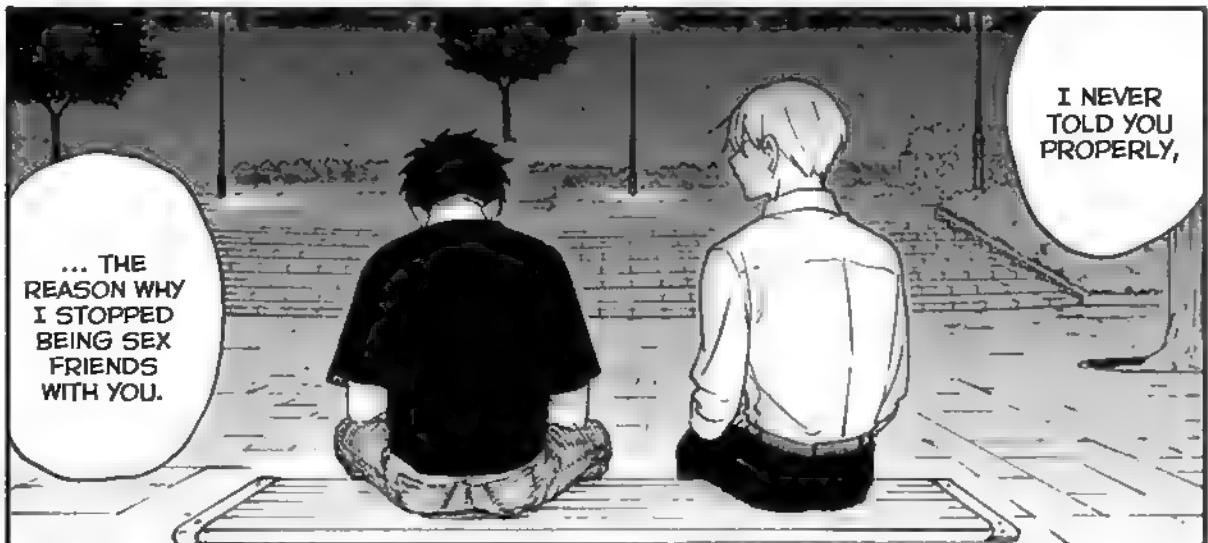














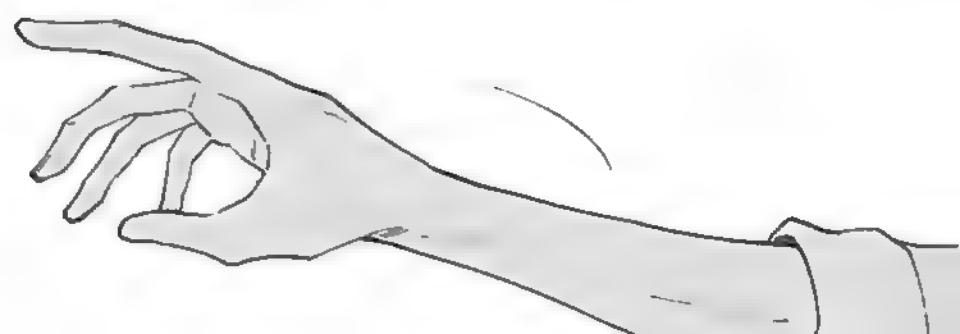




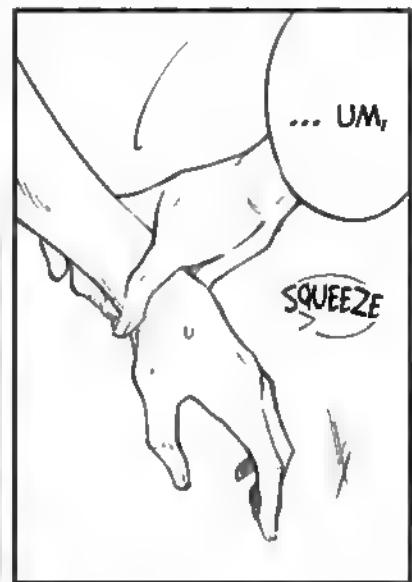


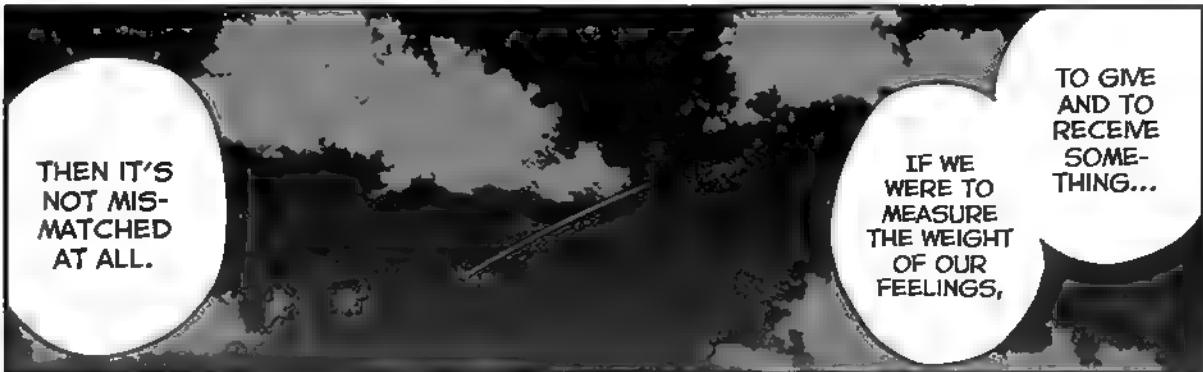


REACH























... I
GUESS
THAT'S
TRUE.











TO
THINK THAT
I EVEN FOR-
GOT HOW TO
BREATHE...



... I
WAS ALSO
SHOCKED.



smirk

SO
YOU'RE
BAD AT
BREATHING
TOO.



... YOU
MIGHT BE
RIGHT.

PIERCE



... SHIZUKI-KUN, WILL YOU TEACH ME THEN?





A: His physical condition

Their meeting place
was at a large park.

There's
really no
mood at
all...

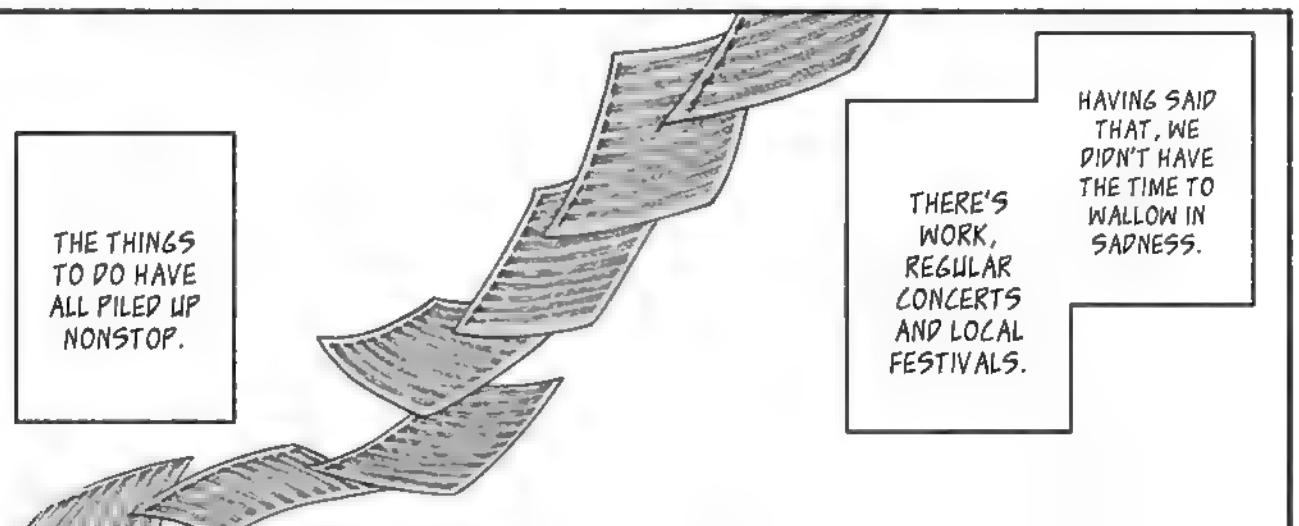
Don't you
want to
go on the
swing?

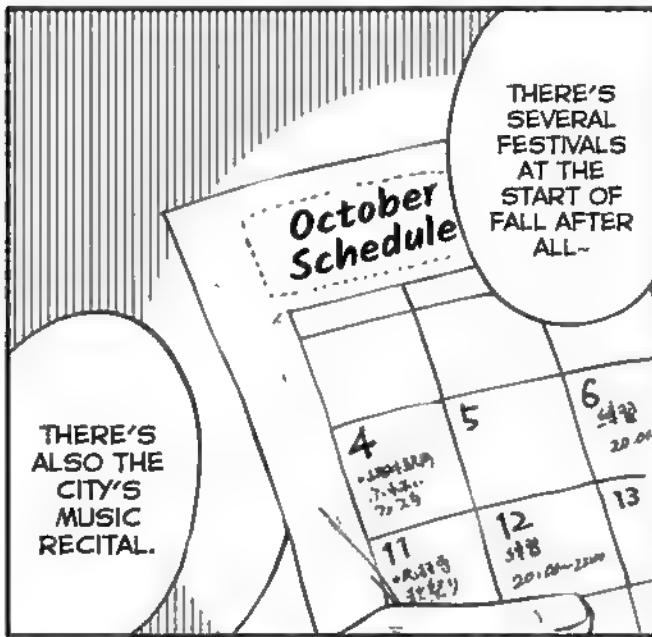
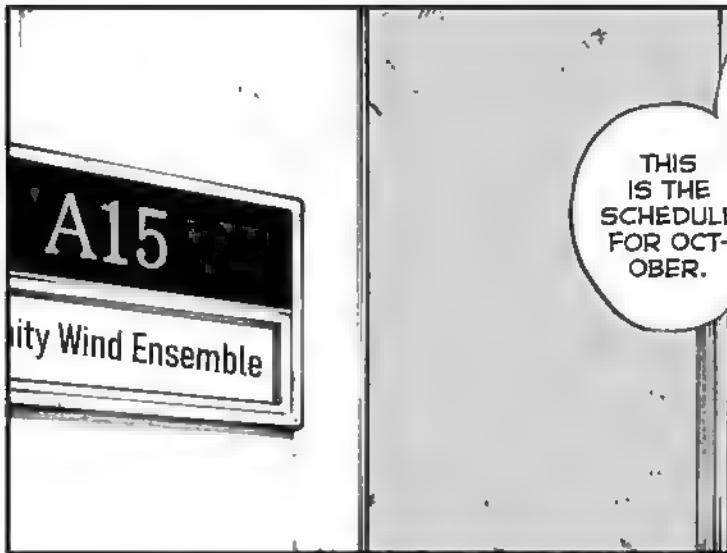
Since
we're here
anyway, do
you want
to play for
a bit?

THEY WENT
HOME AFTER
ENJOYING THE
SWINGS WITH
ALL THEIR
MIGHT.

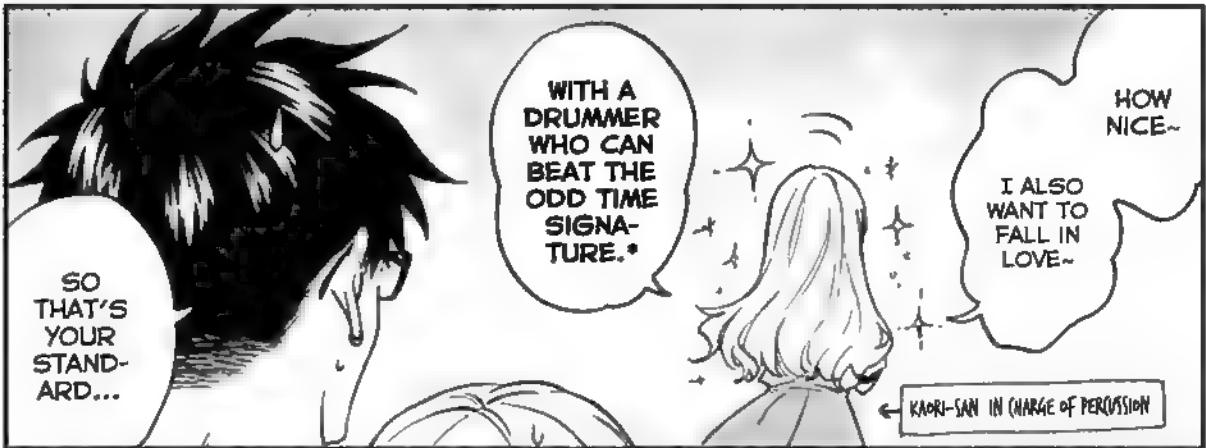
LATE
SEPTEMBER

(*TN: Usually competition order goes from Prefecturals (eg Tokyo), to Regionals (eg Kanto), to lastly Nationals.)









*TN: An odd time signature is any time signature that doesn't fit into the three regular time signature categories (duple time, triple time, quadruple time).



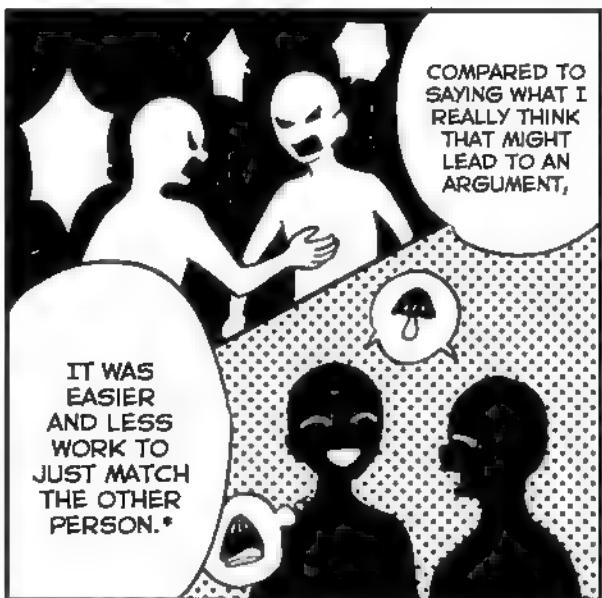
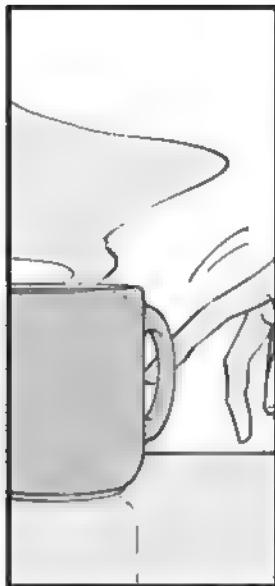












(*TN: A large topic of debate in Japan is whether you're team mushroom or team bamboo shoot for the Meiji brand chocolate biscuit sweets.)









YOU SAID THAT EVEN IF YOU GOT A LOVER, YOU'D STILL PUT YOUR OWN SELF-ENJOYMENT AS YOUR TOP PRIORITY,

BECAUSE A WHILE AGO,

YOU'VE REALLY MELLOWED OUT.

HA?

WHAT, WHY?

Fixing my breathing...

RIGHT...?





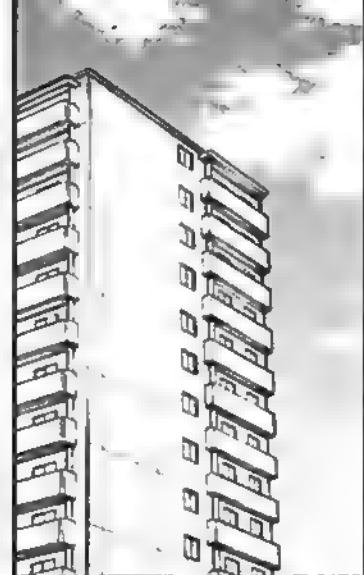


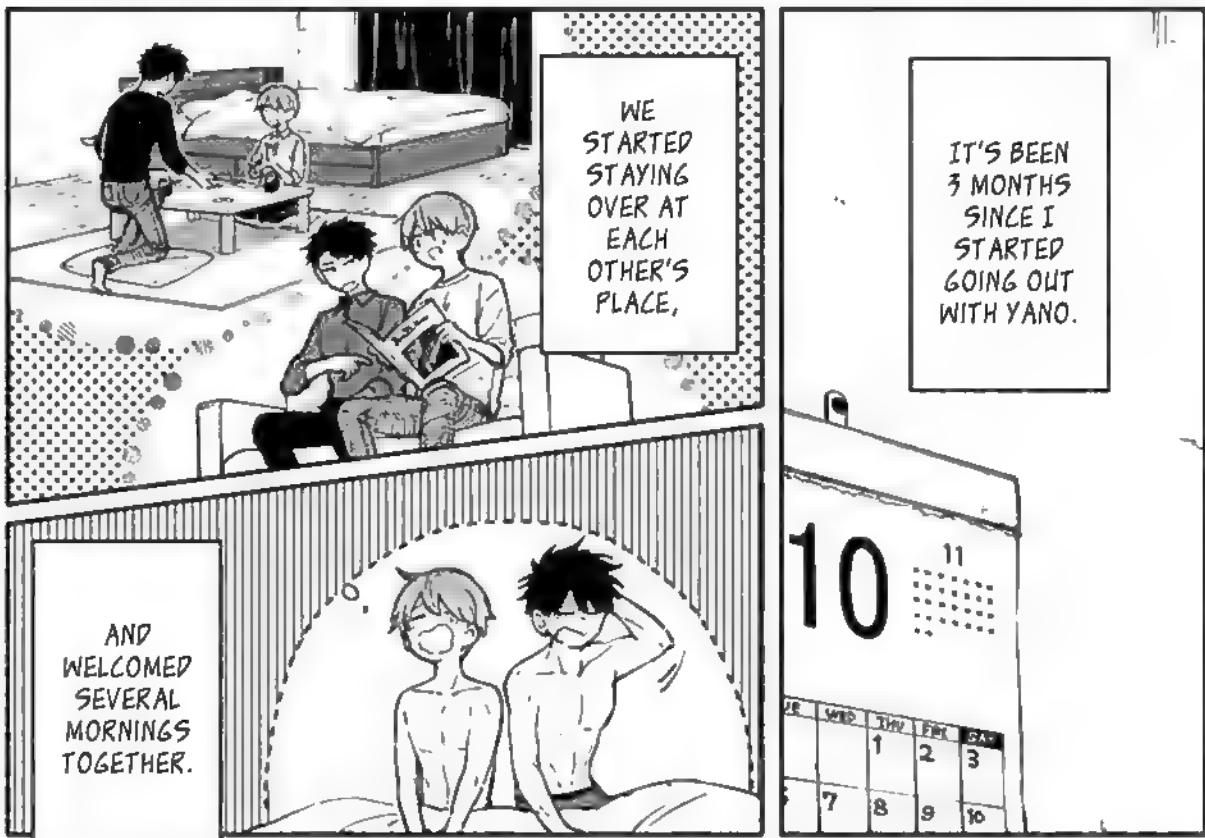
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Shizuki-kun becoming
more mellow

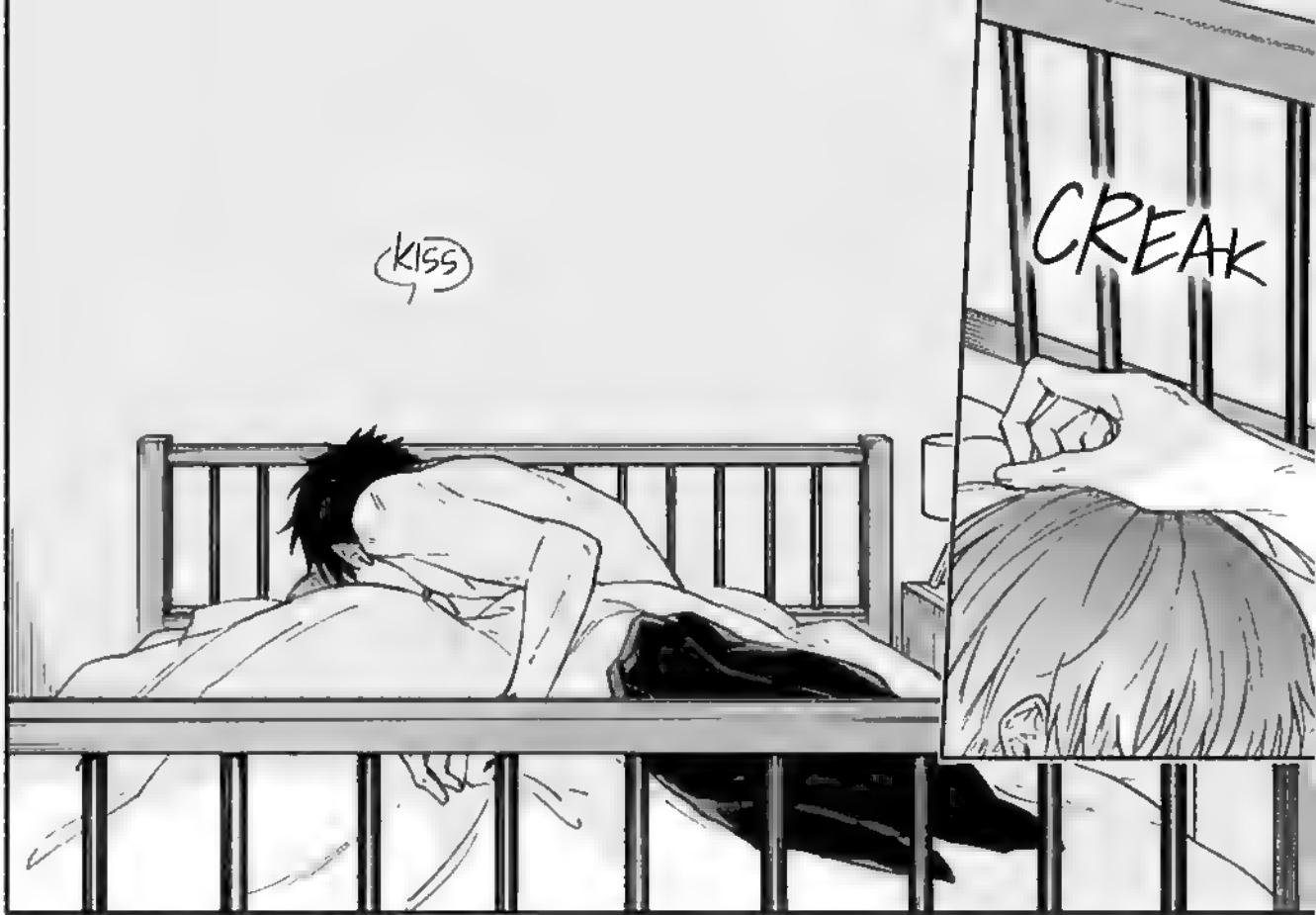


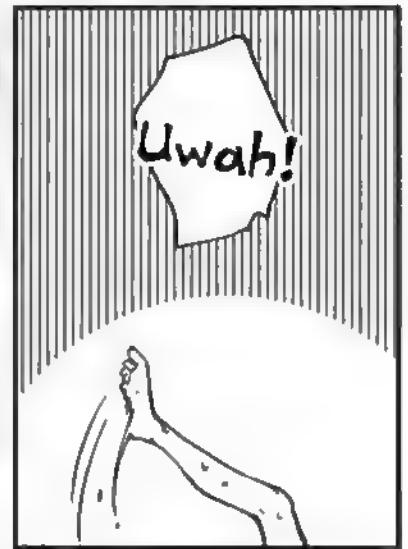
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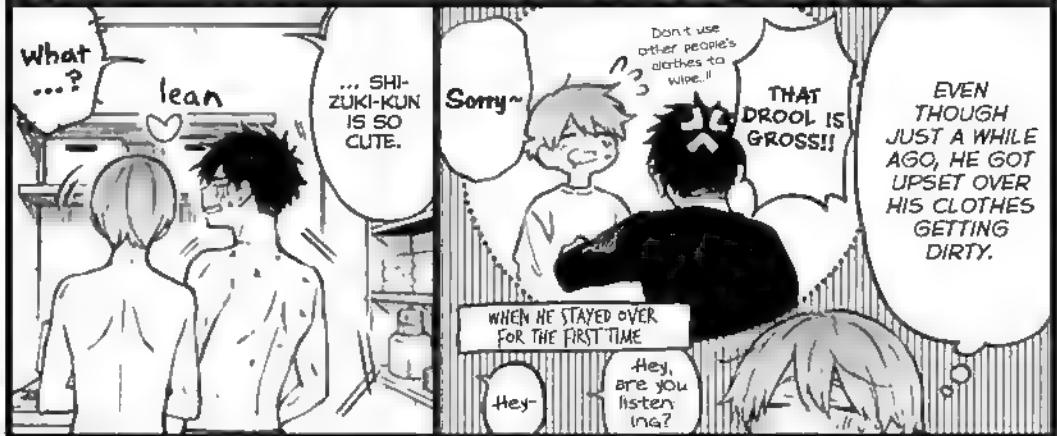












Afterword

Hello. I'm Zeniko Sumiya.

Thank you very much for picking up "You're the reason I can't breathe"!! It was my first time depicting the sensitive relationship between sex friends so during the serialization, I was nervous and had a lot of worries. But I'm glad that I was able to wrap it up properly. When thinking about how these two who started with a physical relationship will reach a conclusion~

The words which my Mom said, "If it's with the person you like, then even sitting on the lawn will be fun" pierced the essence and made me think "Exactly that!!!!".

Isn't this sentence extremely good? I especially want to engrave it on my tombstone. The essence of love isn't about the distance between the body but the distance between the heart...

Although I don't really know anything about love....

It'd be nice if Yano and Shizuki's relationship moves towards being that of "even sitting on the lawn is fun".

Thank you for reading it up until here!!

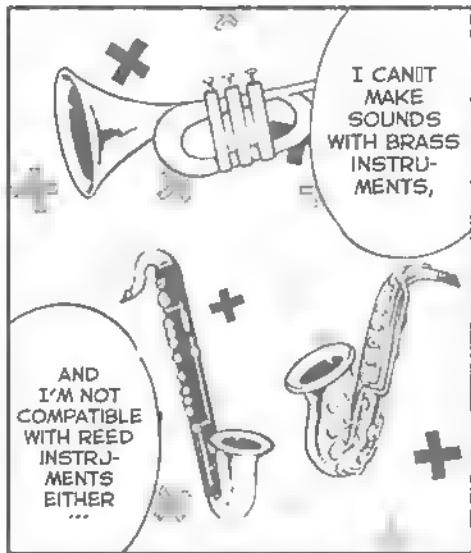
Let's meet again somewhere!!

SPECIAL THANKS

2021.1. 2月7日

- Manager S-san: I've caused you a lot of trouble and inconvenience...! Also for thinking about the title, thank you very much...!!
- Shindou-san: Thank you so much for the details on the tones, beta processing, and background!!!
- Watanabe-san: Thank you soooooo much for the backgrounds and drawings of the instruments...!!
- Editor-in-chief's younger sister: Thank you very much for lending me your flute...!!
- Everyone in the editorial department, mom, and all the readers





Instrument
play



OUTSIDE
OF TUBE
INSTRUMENTS,
I'VE ALSO
PRACTICED
THE VIOLIN.



The Instruments that
Shizuki can play

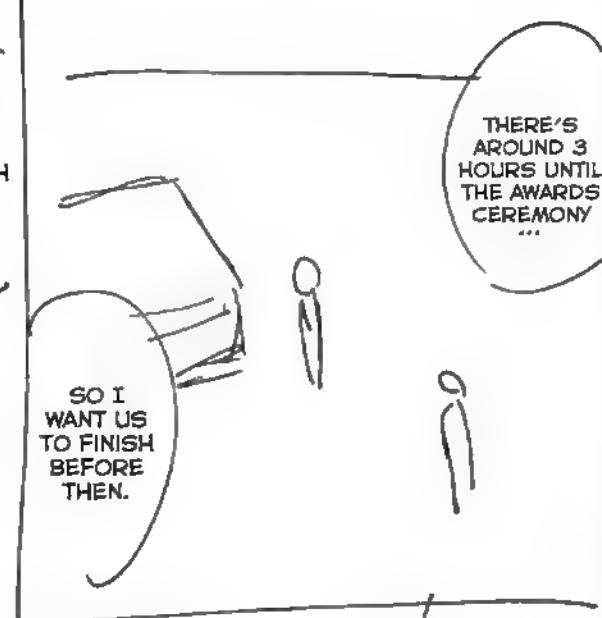


(*TN: A big band is a type of musical ensemble of jazz music.)



Digital Version Special Storyboard Extras

*A special compilation of a phantom
episode that wasn't able to be
included in the comic ♥*











So
cute, call
me that
again!

SHUT
UP.

'Yukiji-
kun'!?

ARE YOU
DISAPPOINTED
THAT YOUR
LOVER SLEPT
AROUND SO
MUCH,

YUKIJI-
KUN?

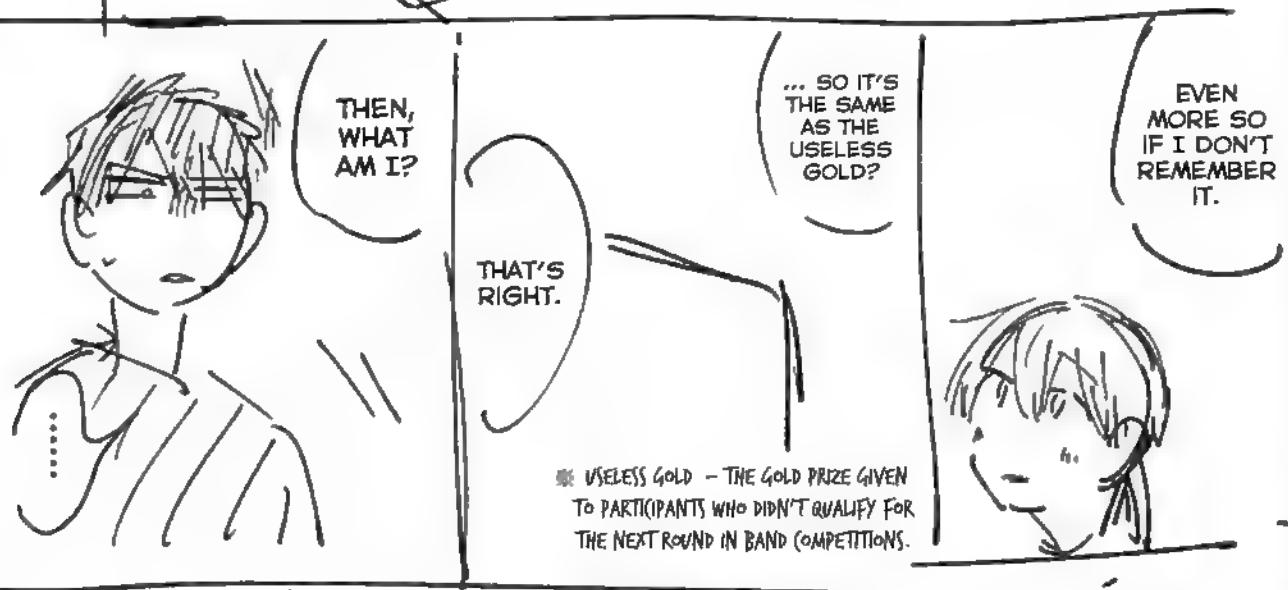
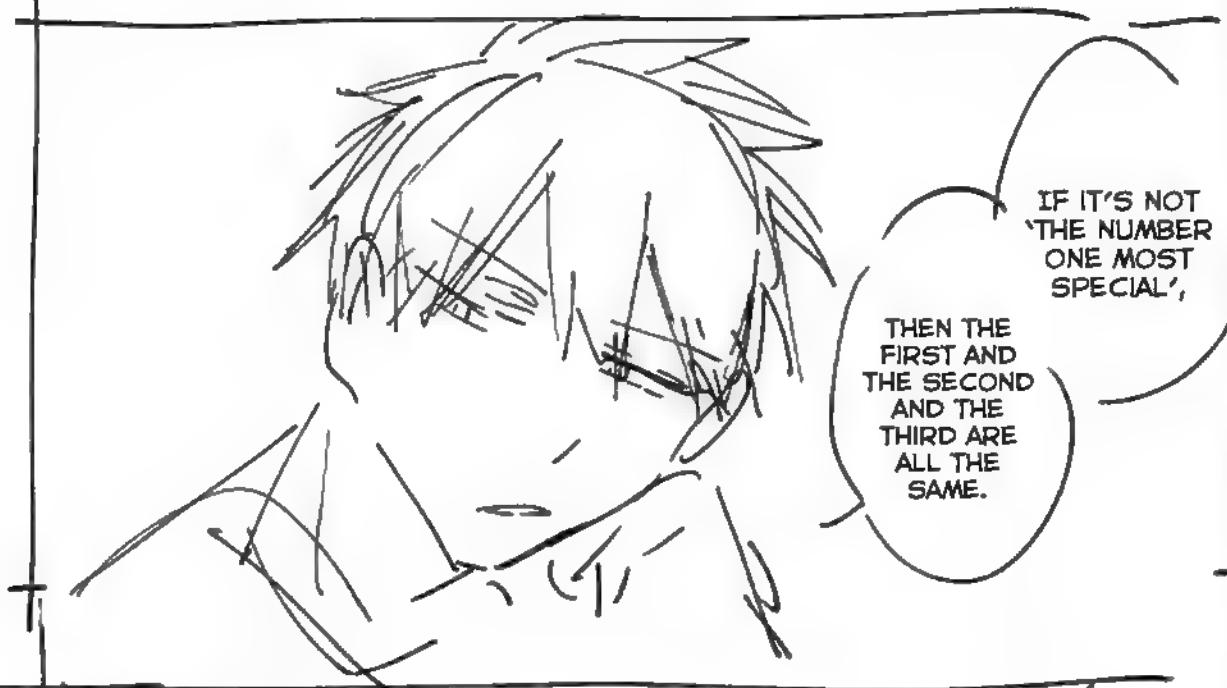
AND
I WOULD
BE COMPET-
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SOMETHING
DIFFERENT
SO IT'S
FINE, BUT
...

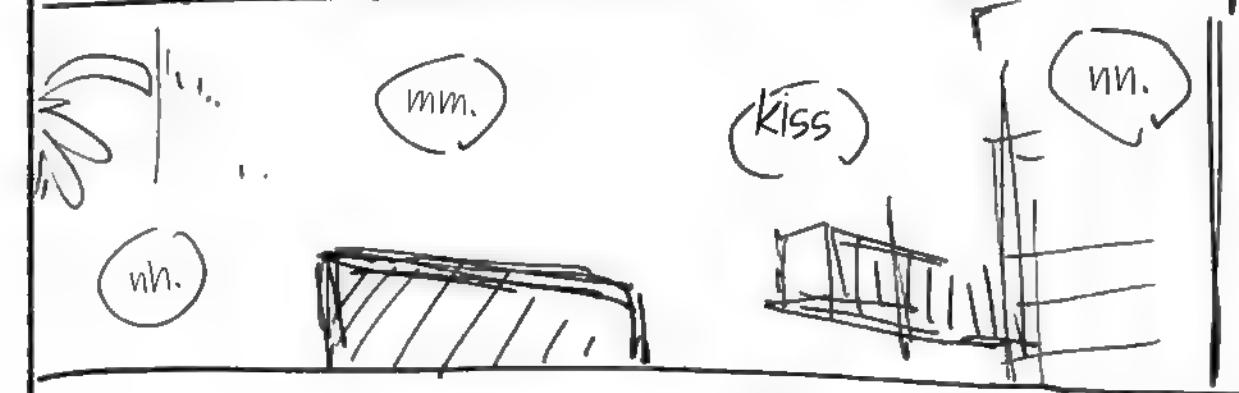
I KNEW
THAT YOU
SLEPT WITH
A LOT OF
GIRLS,

It's not
that I
was disa-
ppoint-
ed...
No...

Ah~...







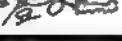


The End

(*TN: Yano uses 大好き (daisuki) here.)



The End

Thank you very much for buying
the digital version!! 

Let's go on a date <23:00>



The Power of Alcohol

ビボピーコミックス

（初出）

息できないのは君のせい

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浮かれた男たちの朝 描き下ろし

あとがき 描き下ろし

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「Shizuki-kun, you're not good at breathing.」

The stage is the city's wind ensemble group. The hedonistic womanizing saxophonist Jun Shizuki has a clear weakness for the popular prince-like flute player, Yukiji Yano. The two clearly don't interact during practice, but due to a certain common interest, there's repeated secret meetings at a hotel---!?



pixivコミックで圧倒的人気を誇る
「息でき」待望の単行本化!
コミックス限定描き下ろし「朝チュン」収録!





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元気

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9月29日よ出

ビーボーイP!様」に

「目、ござきないのは君のせい」

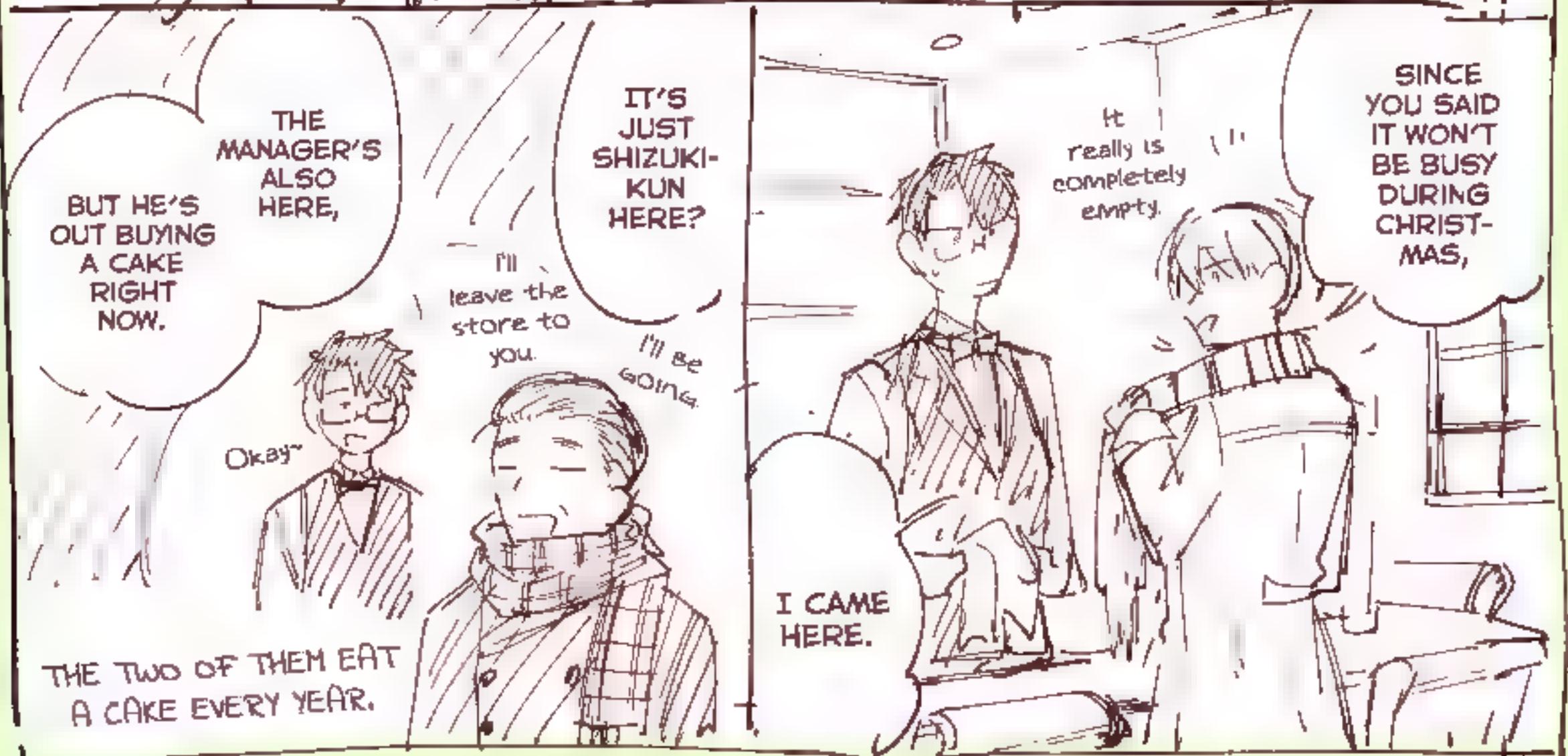
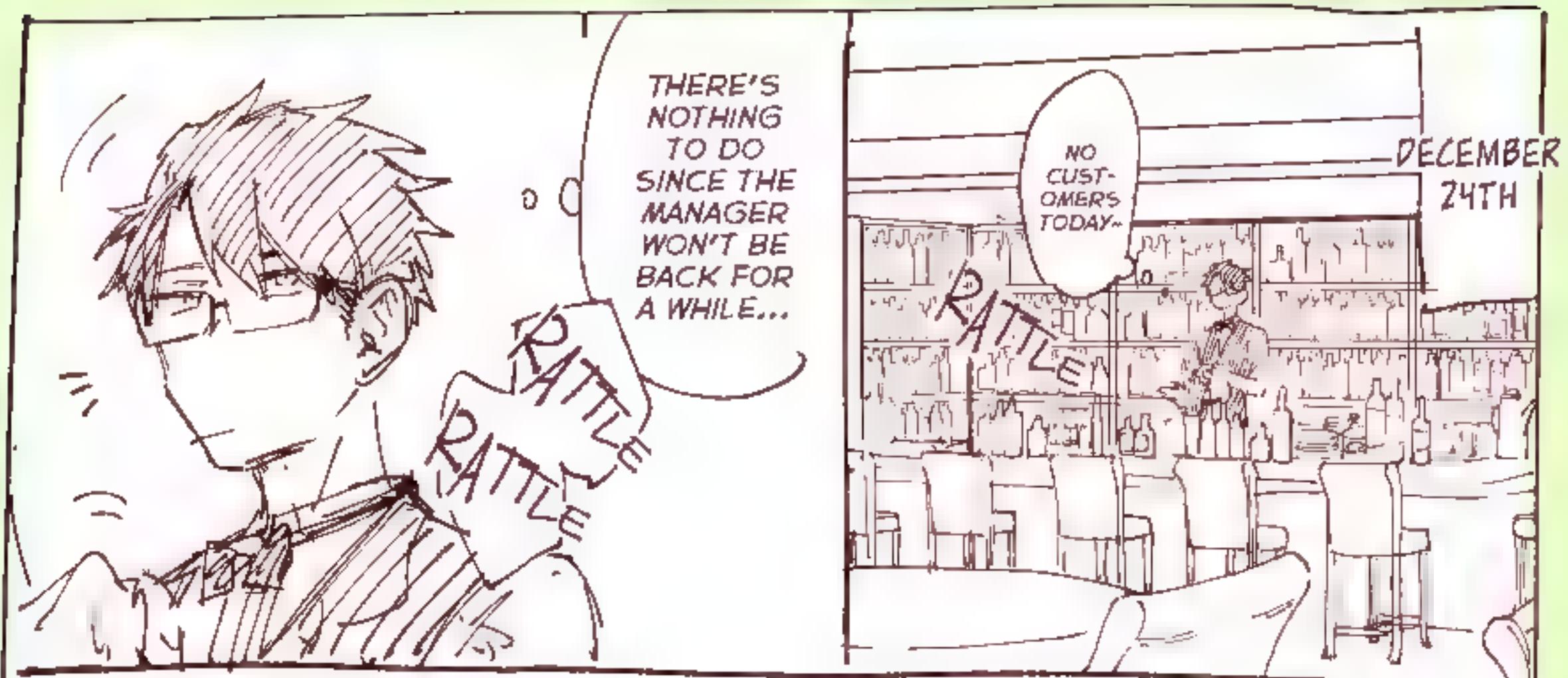
連載開始です。

よろしくよ、頼みます。





JKL 2 青は来ない



Fufu

THEN THAT MEANS WE'RE ALONE HERE.

THAT'S TRUE.

OKAY, OKAY.

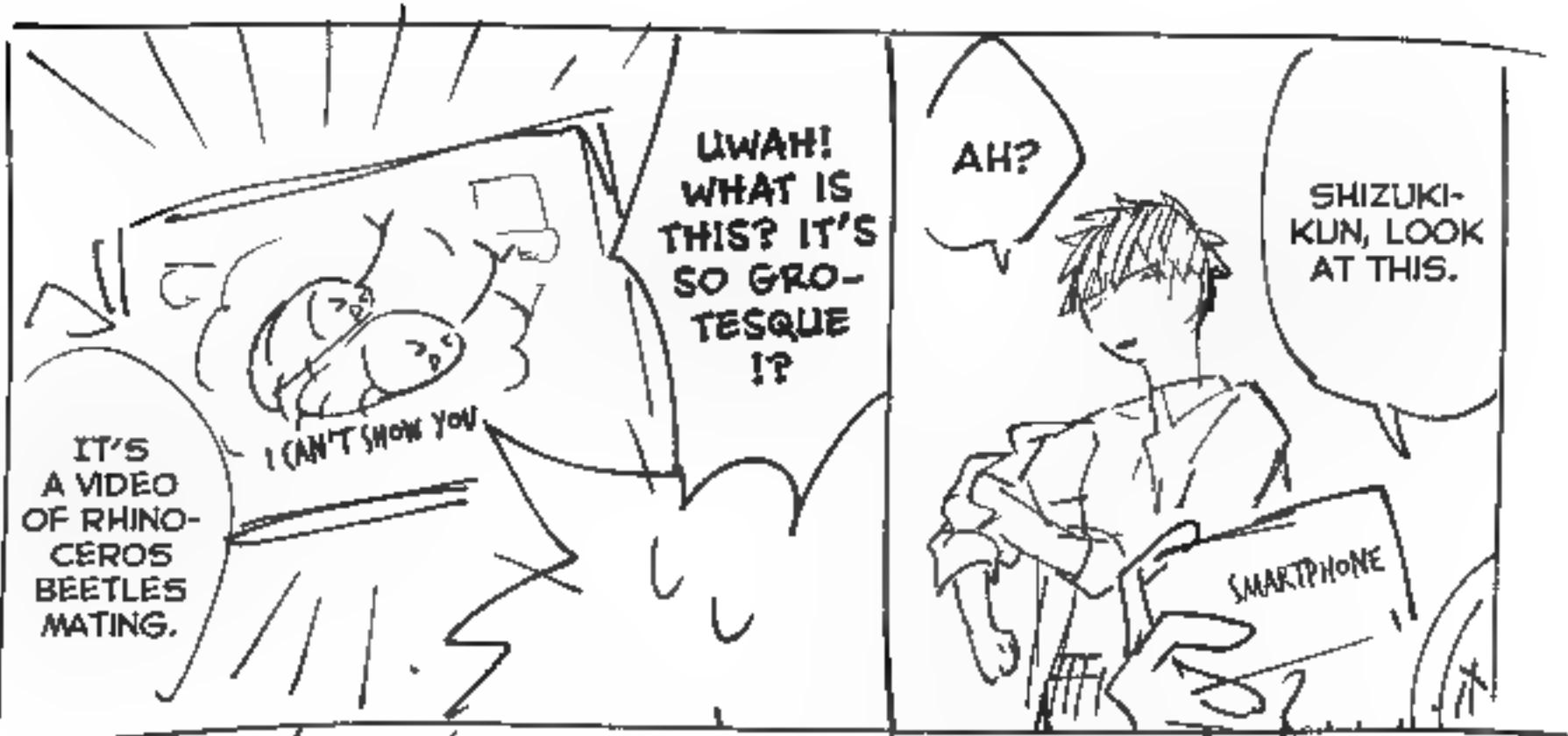
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Hot Buttered Rum Cow.

... WHAT DRINK DO YOU WANT?

The Happy Two.





An Idiot's Pillow Talk

REALIZATION
DURING THE
2ND YEAR OF
BEING SEX
FRIENDS.

rub
rub

DOES
SHIZUKI-KUN
PERHAPS LIKE
MY FACE
QUITE A
BIT?





できないのは
じき
君のせい
うん! 1周年

食. できないのは君のせい。

おでん屋



ありがとうございます!!

